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BERLIN POINTS TO INACCURACY

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BERLIN, TO-DAY.
A REPORT ISSUED BY A BRITISH NEWS AGENCY THAT THE 1,346-TON BRITISH FREIGHTER PINTO WAS STOPPED AND SEARCHED YESTERDAY OFF THE COAST OF SPAIN BY THE GERMAN BATTLESHIP GRAF VON SPEE, IS EMPHATICALLY DENIED IN GERMAN OFFICIAL CIRCLES.

The British report of the affair, emanating from Valencia, stated that the Pinto, which was carrying a cargo of provisions destined for Valencia, was searched by the Graf von Spee although two control officers were on board the freighter.

The Graf von Spee, it is stated, left Spanish waters on May 5 for Cuxhaven, from where, after a brief stay, she proceeded to Kiel.

Yesterday she steamed down the English Channel bound for Spithead, where the international naval review is to be held.

It is therefore impossible, it is pointed out in Berlin, that she was implicated in the affair alleged to have occurred yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

SHOT FIRED IN PARLIAMENT

Attempt On Czech Chamber President

Prague, To-day.

A shot was fired from the public gallery of the Czech Parliament at the President of the Chamber, M. Malypete, yesterday.

The bullet hit the coat of an agrarian deputy, who was uninjured.

The would-be assassin, a Moravian named Sabek, was immediately arrested.

Before firing the shot, Sabek shouted "All deputies are swindlers and scoundrels."—Trans-Ocean.

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SENSATION WAS DESTROYER TORPEDOED? PROJECTILE PASSES RIGHT THROUGH

The British Admiralty is still very reticent over the explosion which holed the destroyer H.M.S. Hunter in the Mediterranean off the south-east coast of Spain yesterday, though latest reports from other sources tend to indicate that the warship was not damaged by a floating mine, as was first thought to be the case, but was instead the victim of a deliberate attack.

This suspicion arises from a report received in Paris from the Valencia correspondent of Havas, the French news agency.

The correspondent states that the hull of the wrecked destroyer, which was towed into Almeria, about 150 miles from Gibraltar, by the Spanish loyalist battleship Jaime Primero, shows marks where some projectile went right through, entering on one side and leaving by the other.

This disposes of the theory that the tragedy was caused by a mine and there are only two explanations which seem capable of meeting the case—either the destroyer was hit by a torpedo or by a shell.

Meanwhile the official report of the affair compiled by the captain of the Jaime Primero has been issued by the Valencia Ministry of Marine.

The report states that the explosion on Hunter occurred under four miles from Almeria.

The captain immediately ordered several Spanish warships to assist the destroyer and, in addition to the Jaime Primero, the destroyer Lazaga and a number of armed fishing-boats dashed out to the rescue of the British man-of-war.

Hunter sank rapidly by the bow immediately after the explosion, though she remained afloat and it was possible to tow her into harbour.

CREW PICKED OUT OF WATER
Apparently the order was given to abandon ship, for a Spanish launch picked up 14 of the crew from the water.

It now appears that five men were killed, all members of the engine room staff. They were trapped in the engine-room by the rising waters and were drowned.

British and Spanish officials will inspect that hull to-day to determine the cause of the explosion.

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Honour For Miss Seto Wai-sheung

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Miss Seto Wai Sheung to be an Honorary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

SECRET TRIAL IN MOSCOW

Bucharin And Rykoff Sentenced

Moscow, To-day.

Bucharin and Rykoff, two of the principals in the recent "purge" instituted by Stalin, have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment by a special court of the G. P. U.

This information appears in a newspaper report, which says that the sentences have not yet been publicly announced.

Bucharin is said to be already in exile while Rykoff, who suffered a stroke, is confined to his bed in a Moscow hospital.

Meanwhile, the deputy Commissar for Heavy Industry, M. Alexander Serebowski, is reported to have been arrested on a charge of Trotskyist activities.—Trans-Ocean.

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EFFECT OF THE NEW MARRIAGE BILL REMOVING ANOMALIES OF DIVORCE

There have been a number of statutes amending the original Matrimonial Causes Act of 1857 which first allowed divorce otherwise than by private Act, but the Marriage Bill which lately passed the Committee stage in the Commons will, if its further stages are also passed, mark by far the greatest changes.

The original Act and most of its successors are now consolidated into the Judicature Act of 1925. The present bill is framed to amend the provisions of that Act in respect of divorce.

It is difficult to speak of the divorce laws of every country, but the proposed Clause 1. of the bill, to forbid divorce for a period of five years after marriage appears to be unique.

Since the decree nisi, followed normally by six months' delay before decree absolute, is not a general feature of other laws, divorce can normally be obtained elsewhere much more quickly than in England even now, but if the bill passes in its present form our law will be stricter for those recently married than that of any other country which allows divorce. It would still be stricter if the period of five years were shortened to three.

Meaning Of "Desertion"

Almost all countries which allow divorce permit it for desertion (including, of course, Scotland), which, while it lasts, is, unlike adultery, an entire repudiation of all the essential duties of marriage.

New York, and some of the provinces of Canada, have until lately permitted of divorce for adultery only, but the strictness of the New York law is much mitigated by the fact that, in certain circumstances divorces pronounced in Reno or elsewhere are recognised by the State. It appears also that, within the last few months, the law of New York has been widened to allow of divorce for insanity and 15 years imprisonment.

The English Divorce Court, of course, recognises no divorce for those domiciled in this country save by decree pronounced by itself. "Desertion" was defined at the end of the bill as being desertion without the consent or against the will of the other party and without reasonable cause, and included the conduct of a woman, who, while living under her husband's roof, wilfully or persistently refuses him his rights.

Provision Dropped

This would have removed, in a number of cases where it occurred, a burning grievance. Men have been driven to other women by the conduct of such wives, who thereupon may commence proceedings for divorce or maintenance, though their husband's offences are entirely caused by their own conduct.

A considerable number of the men imprisoned for arrears of maintenance have stated that, although they could pay, they would rather go to prison than give money to a wife of this kind.

This provision was dropped from the bill in its passage through committee, but would seem to deserve reconsideration.

Cruelty is also a ground for

divorce. Divorce judges have, on the whole, construed this word reasonably (of course, it has hitherto been cause for judicial separation only), but a decision in the House of Lords that a wife who publicly and falsely accused her husband of unnatural offences and declined to retract was not guilty of mental cruelty has handicapped them, for they have been bound by it.

This decision was reached by a majority of one only, five judges to four, the late Lord Halsbury leading the dissentients in his usual vigorous manner. If the bill had passed in its original form Parliament would have endorsed his view.

Divorce Of Insane

Incurable insanity of at least five years' standing is a new ground for divorce. Incurable drunkenness of at least three years' standing was made a ground for divorce in the bill as presented, but this provision was dropped in committee.

At present, if one spouse deserts the other for seven years without the latter knowing whether the deserter is alive or dead, he or she may re-marry without fear of prosecution for bigamy, but if the deserter reappears, the second marriage is invalid. The bill provides that in such circumstances it shall no longer be so.

Occasionally, of course, the deserter, finding the deserted one settled down with a prosperous partner, returns to sell silence for blackmail. The provision in the bill will checkmate such people.

Sometimes a wife will obtain a decree nisi and with it her permanent maintenance, and then, not desiring to re-marry herself, will deliberately abstain from obtaining a decree absolute and prevent her husband from marrying. The bill provides in such case for an application to be made by the respondent to have the decree nisi made absolute.

New Causes For Nullity

There are some new causes for nullity of marriage, but the religious grounds which make certain people oppose new clauses for divorce do not apply to nullity, and presumably this clause will be non-controversial.

There was a provision that police-court proceedings which can, of course, only result in separation and maintenance orders could ultimately be transferred to the High Court so that, in appropriate cases, divorce might be possible. This, however, has also been dropped, and presumably separate proceedings will have to be commenced for divorce.

The German schoolboys from Salem, who won the Public Schools Athletic Championship for the third year in succession visited Eton College and Windsor Castle.

The number of persons receiving poor relief in England and Wales at the end of 1936 was 96,774 fewer than at the end of 1935, according to the Ministry of Health's quarterly statement.

When a lorry arrived at Overseal, near Burton-on-Trent, from London, a boy crawled out from a space between the back axle and the spare wheel, having ridden the whole distance on the chassis.

THE WORLD GOES BY

EVERYONE has noticed in the papers of late that considerable space is being devoted to the forthcoming America's Cup yachting race. This race is usually fought out between America and England. We are indebted to Mr. Henry McLeMORE, of the Springfield, (Mass.) Union, for the following glossary of yachting terms of interest to all men who follow the sport.

Swell—A Park Avenue snob.

Ground Swell—A Park Avenue snob not given to aviation.

Mizzen—Lost, gone, as in "They can't find the mizzen witness," Fo'c's'le—"Our fo'c's'le be up to visit us this week."

Ballast—A dancer, as "She is my favourite ballast dancer."

Winch—A young girl, as in "I seen a swell-looking winch walking up the street."

Stays—Corsets used by sea-going winches in the gay nineties.

Luff—Admire greatly, as Lupe Velez: "I luff my John."

Boom—What a person falls down and goes.

Bow—Guttural noise made by dogs, usually followed by "wow."

Yardarm—A French policeman (colloq.).

Tiller—A character in the comic strip, "Tiller the Toiler."

Dingy—A dirty boat. "That is, I would take you out for a ride in my motorboat but the cabin is too dark and dingy."

Scupper—Naval term for a hot drink, as "I would take a scupper coffee."

Deck—Fifty-two cards.

Anchor—To enrage, as to "Don't anchor me, or I'll fear yuh to pieces."

Leeward—Pronounced "loard," as in "I went to a burlesque, and boys, did I see a leeward show!"

Binnacle—Height, apex, as in "He reached the binnacle of success."

Tack—To accept, or receive, as in "I tack it if you don't want it."

—The Knickerbocker.

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A football referee during the past season cautioned seven members of one team. But this, of course, was nothing to the number of spectators who cautioned the referee.

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A doctor has discovered a drug which he claims will cure kleptomania. But many people hold that the best cure is to take nothing.

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An English weekly paper states, "We are definitely becoming a more sober nation. Complete drunkenness is passing out." An excellent definition.

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A lady-killer from North of the Tweed is said to take them out and starve them to death.

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A London man has gone to his City office on foot for the past twenty years. Sometimes he gets a strap and sometimes he isn't so lucky.

CORONATION GREETINGS FROM MACAO

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

The following letters were exchanged between the Governor of Macao, Senhor A. Barbosa, and the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. N. L. Smith, on the occasion of the Coronation.

Excelentissimo Senhor
Tenho a honra de apresentar a V. Exa, a Snr. Dr. Carlos Sampaio, Chefe da Reparticao Central dos Servicos de Administracao Civil, e o Snr. Io tenente Albano de Oliveira, comandante da lancha canhoneira "Macao, incumbidos pelo Governor desta Colonia de o representarem nas manifestacoes ai prestadas por occasiao da coracao de Sua Magestade Britanica.

Julgo, assim, melhor poder significar a V. Exa. os votos que esta Colonial filha da Nacao secularmente aliada da Inglaterra, tambem faz pela longa saude de Sua Magestade o Rei George VI e para que durante o seu reinado bencaos de felicidade cubram, cada vez mais, a Nacao amiga.

Aproveito este ensejo para testemunhar a V. Exa., pessoalmente, os protestos da minha grande simpatia e alta consideracao.

(SD) A. TAMAGNINI DE S.
BARBOSA.

O.A.G.'s Reply

Your Excellency,
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 10th May bearing the kind congratulations of the Colony of Macao on the occasion of the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI.

It was a great pleasure to me to receive a call from your Representatives Snr. Dr. Carlos Sampaio and Snr. Io tenente Albano de Oliveira on 12th May, and on behalf of the people of Hong Kong I thank you for the courtesy of your felicitations.

I have the honour to be, Your Excellency's obedient servant,
(Sd) N. L. SMITH.
Officer Administering the Government.

DUBLIN STATUE BOMBING

DUBLIN, TO-DAY.
IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED THAT THE BLOWING UP OF THE EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF KING GEORGE II, IN ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY MEANS OF A CLOCK MINE.

The horse was torn from the sockets of the 15-foot pedestal and hurled twenty feet away, while the King's figure was blown off the horse. One arm was blown away and the other simply attached to the body.

It is believed the outrage was a reprisal for the Government's banning of the Irish Republican Army demonstration on Tuesday to protest against the crowning of an English King of Ireland.

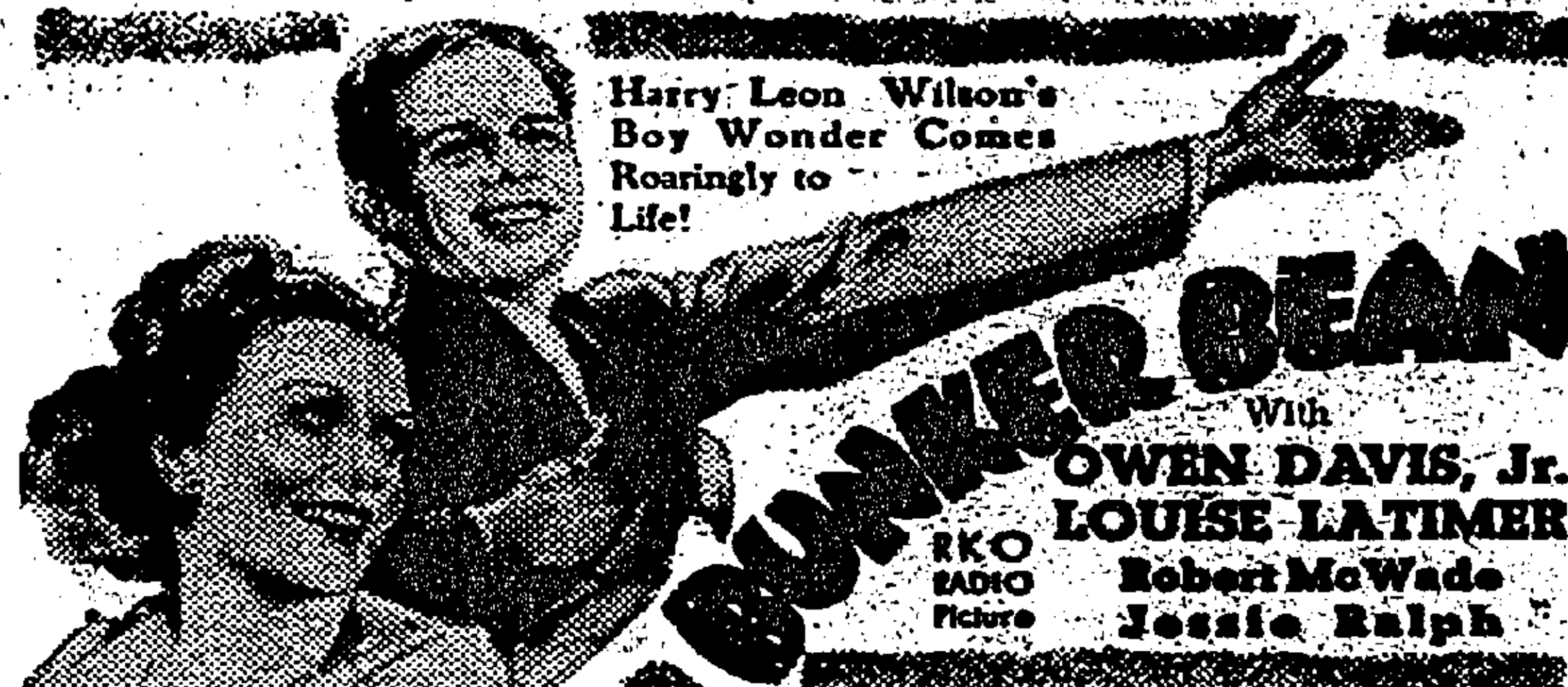
Two shops, displaying English gramophone records and pictures of the Coronation, had their windows smashed by unruly crowds the same night.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

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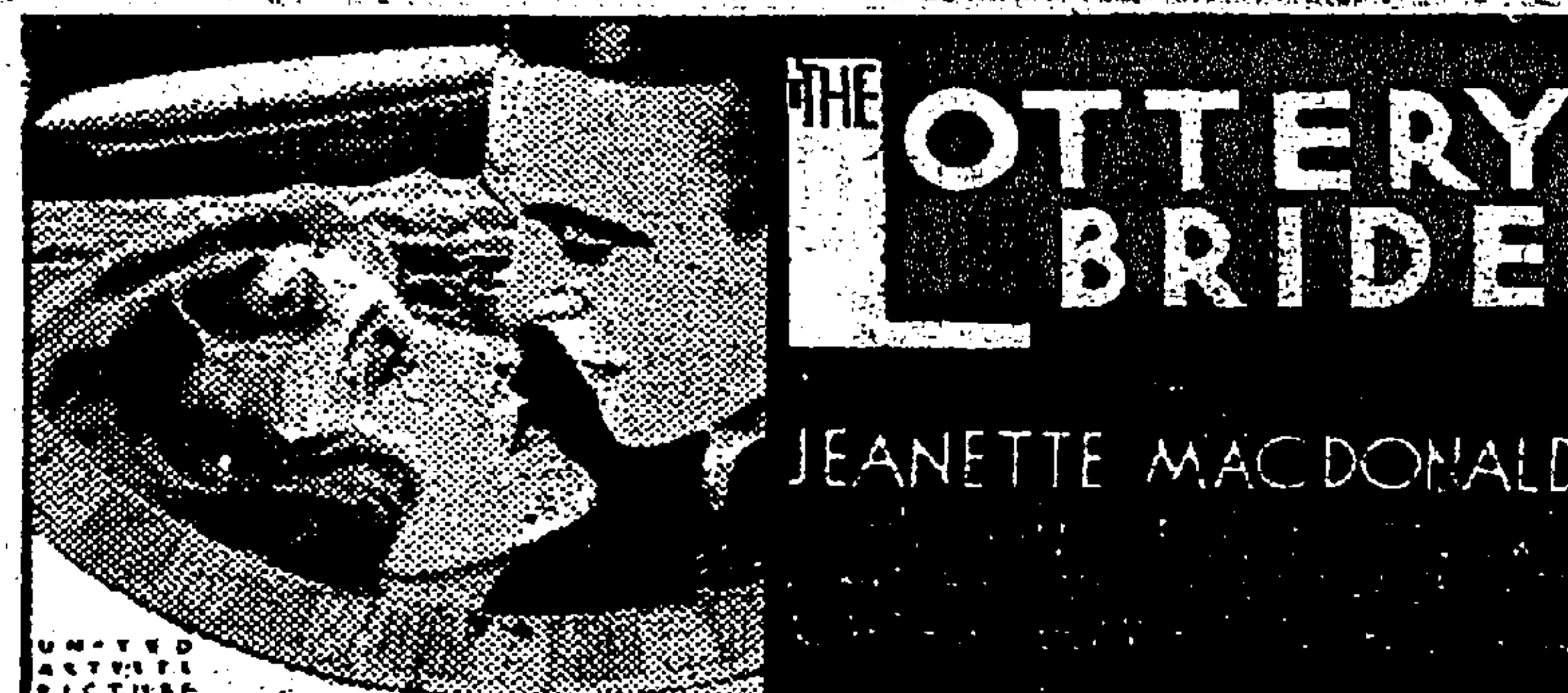
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MAINLAND	
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Taimoshan	3,124
Kowloon Peak	1,971

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Hong Kong, 14th May, 1937.

Kowloon Stabbing Outrage

Sincere's Director Fatally Wounded Last Night

No explanation is yet forthcoming to explain the shocking stabbing outrage in Prince Edward Road last evening when Mr. David Chen See (Chen Lai-tsan), managing director of the Sincere Com-
pany, was fatally wounded by an unknown slayer.

The victim, who was 60 years of age, was rushed to the Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition and passed away at 4 a.m. to-day, despite every medical attention.

POLICE INVESTIGATING THE CRIME ARE SATISFIED THAT ROBBERY WAS NOT THE MOTIVE AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE ATTACK WAS INSPIRED BY AN ENEMY WHO EMPLOYED A HIRED ASSASSIN.

The attack occurred between 9.30 and 10 p.m. Mr. Chen, who resides at No. 44, Sung Street, was returning to his home and had travelled by bus from the ferry. He alighted in Prince Edward Road near Sung Street and was about to turn into Sung Street when he was stabbed twice by a man who rushed upon him from behind. Two severe wounds in the back were recognised at once as grave when competent assistance was available and little hope for his survival was entertained when he was taken to hospital.

SYDNEY BUSINESS MAN

Mr. David Chen See was formerly engaged in business in Sydney and was a wealthy man when he took over the management of Sincere's ten years ago. He resigned his position in 1931 but rejoined the company last year, this time as managing director. He was also a Director of the Sincere Insurance Corporation, and of the Tung Wah Hospital.

He leaves a widow and two sons in Hong Kong, one of them, Mr. Edward Chen being Secretary of the Sincere Company and the other a school teacher. There are two other children in Sydney.

Sincere's flew their flag at half-mast to-day as a mark of respect, but business was continuing as usual. It is understood that the funeral will take place to-morrow.

Mr. Shaftain, Acting A. S. P. and Inspector Carey are in charge of investigations.

CHARCOAL MURDER PETITION

Where Signatures Can Be Appended

A petition to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, for the reprieve of Chiu Yuk-fai, who is under sentence of death in connection with the "Charcoal Murder Case," is to be presented.

Copies are available at the following places for those who wish to append their signatures:—

"The China Mail" and "South China Morning Post" offices, St. John's Cathedral, St. Patrick's Club, the Bluebird Cafe, Luen Shing Company, of No. 84, Wing Lok Street, and Mee Cheung Lung, of No. 86, Jervois Street.

The principal ground for reprieve arises from the unusual circumstances of the crime, the petitioners urging that the condemned man's mind at the critical moment was entirely free of any intention to use violence or force and that his degree of culpability was far removed from that usually associated with murderous intent.

Rush For Mineral Waters

The demand for aerated waters during the past two days has been so great that the factory of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. at North Point has been kept constantly busy. Deliveries continued to late hours of the night and enquiries this morning revealed that approximately 3,000 dozen daily have left the factory in addition to the usual quantity.

Double Accident

While driving in Gap Road yesterday, Chan Kui, knocked down a woman and in endeavouring to avoid the accident swerved and struck a private car which was parked on the road side, damaging both vehicles.

IN SERIOUS CONDITON

Leung Nga, 40, of No. 71, Stone Nullah Lane, who was struck by the Chinese who was killed this morning in a fall from Alexandra Building, is in a serious condition at the G. C. H.

German Passport Regulations

Berlin, To-day.

Drafting of the new German Penal Code was continued at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday.

At the same meeting a law was passed regulating passport and police formalities and registration procedure for foreigners living in the Reich.

The law makes this procedure uniform in all parts of Germany and takes necessary steps "to assure the national and external safety of the Reich."—Trans-Ocean.

The official opening of the Canton Government Paper Manufactory at Nam Shek Tau, Honan Island, will take place on June 1, 1937.

Reginald Dixon At The Cinema Organ

To-day's Wireless

Programme Of Scottish Music

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—The London Symphony Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Variety.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—De Groot and His Piccadilly Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Scottish Music.
Songs—
Bonnie Wee Thing (Fox).
MacGregor's Gathering (Lee, arr. Kahn).
Joseph Hislop (tenor).
The Bonnie, Bonnie Banks O' Loch Lomond (Traditional).
Comin' thro' the Rye (Traditional).
Dora Labbette (soprano).
Band—
Highland Schottische.
Eightsome Reel.
Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards.
Songs—
Ac Fond Kiss (Scott Gatty).
Deil's Awa' wi' th' Exciseman.
The Piper O' Dundee.
Alex. Carmichael (baritone).
Instrumental—
Medley of Scottish Airs.
Pipers of the 2nd Battn. the Q. O. Cameron Highlanders and Hert Dawson (organ).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local stock quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m.—The Maestros.
Little Annie Rooney (Nolan).
Because (Teschemacher and d'Hardelot).
Maire, My Girl (Casey and Aitken).
7.45 p.m.—London—The BBC Dance Orchestra, under the direction of Henry Hall.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
Songs—
May I have the next Romance with You (from "Head over Heels").
Watching the Stars (from "Splinters in the Air").
Leslie Hutchinson.
Instrumental—
Teddy Bears' Picnic.
Mighty Lak' a Rose.
Frank Biffo and His Brass Quintette.
Piano solos—
Old Fashioned Love.
If we never meet again.
Gerry Moore.
Songs—
I Love the Moon.
Murray Stewart (tenor).
Banjo Solos—
Tony.
White Rose.
Oily Oakley.

8.30 p.m.—London Philharmonic Orchestra.
Suite de Ballet (Handel, arr. Beecham).
(a) Bourree; (b) Rondeau; (c) Gigue (d) Musette; (e) Battle and Finale Summer Night on the River (Delious).
8.45 p.m.—"Prometheus"—Overture (Beethoven), Op. 43, played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Conducted by Felix Weingartner.
8.50 p.m.—From the Studio.
The 9th of a second series of Gramophone Recitals by the Rev. C. B. R. Sargent.
9.30 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.55 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra.
A Vision of Spring—Selection.
Ballad Memories—Selection.
Cavalcade of Martial Songs

(arr. Nicholls).
Savoy Irish Medley.
Savoy Welsh Medley (arr. Somers).
10.15 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
Reginald Dixon at the Cinema Organ.
Dixon Request Medley.
"Naughty Marietta" Film Selection.
Dixon Hits No. 7.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—
It ain't nobody's biz'ness what I do.
Blues—
When the Swallows nest again.
Slow Waltz—
Sweetheart, let's grow old together.
Slow Fox-Trot—
There's a star in the sky.
Tango—Enamorado.
Fox-Trot—
The scene changes.
Every time I look at you.
Man from the South.
Moon over Miami.
Waltz—Song of the Islands.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Psychic Bidding

"Dear Mr. Culbertson:
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South, dealer.

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H—10 2
D—Q 9 7
C—Q 7 4 3
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S—K Q 10 6 S—9 8 5 3
H—Q 5 4 H—6
D—A K J D—10 5 4 3 2
C—J 10 6 C—9 8 5
SOUTH
S—J
H—A K J 9 8 7 3
D—8 6
C—A K 2

"The bidding:

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1 heart Double Pass 1 spade
2 diamonds 2 spades Double Pass
3 hearts Pass 4 diamonds Pass
4 hearts Double ?

"South's explanation of his bidding was to the effect that after the informative double by a conservative player who was vulnerable he felt that there was considerable strength massed against him. This being the case, he hoped to create the illusion of a misfit by bidding a short suit and then having North rescue from hearts to diamonds at least once in the course of the bidding. South reasoned that this bidding probably would result in his being doubled at four hearts which, if made, should be a top score on the board.

"What actually happened was that North bid five diamonds, forcing South to five hearts, which was doubled and set one trick, whereas every other pair in the room played the hand in four hearts undoubled.

"Any comments you might choose to make regarding the intelligence of South's reasoning would be appreciated; also any comments you might like to make regarding North's ultimate bid of five diamonds, rescuing his partner from the four hearts doubled.

Sincerely yours, R. O. F.

South's explanation of his psychic two diamond bid speaks for itself. Psychic forays are not to be judged by any hard and fast rules. The bid was not, in my opinion, utterly illogical and certainly should not have affected the eventual result. North's bidding was bad in more than one instance: His double of two spades was unjustified on his holding and, while his preference bid of four diamonds over three hearts was more or less normal, his subsequent take-out of the four heart double to five diamonds was inexcusable. South really had not asked for a preference when he rebid the higher ranking heart suit at the three level. Had he wanted such a preference he would have bid three diamonds. Therefore, North could take it for granted that South's hearts were infinitely superior to his diamonds. But when South, after hearing the preference, still went on to four hearts, North should have passed without a second's thought. In the first place, his diamond holding was not a great deal better than his heart holding. In the second place, South had made it superobvious that his heart suit could stand alone.

The bottom score was 100 per cent North's fault.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Question: What is the correct opening bid on the following hand?
S A K Q 8 4 H 3 D K 10 7 5 3 2 C 8
Answer: One diamond.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Smartest Girl in Town," with Gene Raymond, Ann Sother, Helen Broderick and Eric Blore. Delightful humour is combined with a fast moving plot to give the fullest play to the versatile talents of one of the screen's most popular romantic teams.

AT THE STAR—"15 Maiden Lane," an onslaught on the vaults of the world's greatest jewellery centre forms the basis, with Cesar Romero, Claire Trevor, Douglas Fowley and Robert McWade taking part.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Lottery Bride," with Jeanette MacDonald, Joe E. Brown, John Garrick and Zasu Pitts. A glorious operetta replete with music and laughter.

AT THE KING'S—"When Knights were Bold," with Jack Buchanan and Fay Wray. The story has been adapted from the famous stage success by Charles Marlowe and the addition of musical numbers provides Jack Buchanan with excuses to both sing and dance.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Bunker Bean," with Owen Davis Jr., Robert McWade and Jessis Ralph. The old story of the worm turning acted in the most humorous manner with a juvenile romance underlying the story.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Song of China," A simple story of a well-to-do family, written, acted and directed by Chinese.

COMING PICTURES

"After The Thin Man," with Myrna Loy as Nora Charles, epitome of the sophisticated modern wife, who assists her famous husband William Powell in ferreting out crimes against a San Francisco background. Coming to the King's.

"Mr. Cinderella," with Jack Haley, Betty Furness, Arthur Treacher and Raymond Walburn. A barber follows the movements of Society people through gossip columns, idolises a Society beauty though he has never seen her, and eventually marries her. Coming to the Oriental.

"The Lost Horizon," with Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt, H. B. Warner, Margo and Edward Everett Horton. A story of adventure, romance, danger and glamour, acclaimed as one of the outstanding productions of the year. Coming to the Oriental.

"Pennies From Heaven," with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

"Banjo on My Knee," with Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea, Helen Westley, Buddy Ebsen, Walter Catlett, Katherine de Mille and Anthony Martin. A thrill musical, depicting the tragic-comedy that is the life story of the river-boat people on the Mississippi. Coming to the Queen's.

"Mama Steps Out," A girl whom her mother hopes will marry a cultured foreigner elopes with an American crooner. Starring Stanley Morner and Betty Furness. Coming to the King's.

"John Meade's Woman," a powerful story starring Edward G. Arnold and Francine Lawrence. Coming to the Queen's.

"Mind Your Own Business," With Charles Ruggles, Alice Brady, Lyle Talbot, Benny Baker and Frankie Darro. The tale of a nature writer who has bees in his bonnet as well as his column and a wife who gets him into a tangle that it takes a general alarm to unravel. Coming to the Queen's.

"The Longest Night," with Robert Young, Florence Rice, Ted Healy and Julie Haydon. Mystery, with an added element of romance and humour, provides the highlights of this picture, and incidents following one upon another in bewildering succession combine to build a great story. Coming to the Oriental.

"On The Avenue," with songs by Irving Berlin—a sparkling musical production with a stellar cast of entertainers, including Dick Powell and Madeleine Carroll. Coming to Queen's.



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KING AND QUEEN'S SURPRISE TOUR OF NORTH LONDON AREA

Hong Kong Electric Output

The Hong Kong Electric Company informed the "China Mail" this morning that during May 12 when Hong Kong's illuminations were on fully for the Coronation festivities, the output was 2,500 kilowatts greater than normal.

The figures for yesterday would be approximately the same.

ITALY REPORTS THE CORONATION!

Single Sentence

Rome, To-day.

"The Coronation of King George VI took place on Wednesday."

With this single sentence, received in a Stefani news agency message from London, the Italian newspapers reported the Coronation festivities.

The only other Coronation news appearing was a brief report from Berlin and Paris concerning accidents which occurred in the stands and among the spectators along the procession route.—Trans-Ocean.

JAFFA INCIDENT

Swastika Flag Torn Down And Burned

Jerusalem, To-day.

The German swastika flag, which was flown alongside the Union Jack by the German Bank in Jaffa, in honour of the Coronation, was torn down and burned by an unknown person.

Bank officials hoisted another flag while the authorities placed policemen on duty outside the building.

Arabs in Palestine refrained from participation in the Coronation celebrations on instructions from the Arab leaders.—Trans-Ocean.

NAVAL REVIEW

Mediterranean Fleet At Spithead

London, To-day.

Headed by the flagship, Queen Elizabeth, flying the flag of Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, Commander-in-Chief, the warships of the Mediterranean Fleet arrived at Portsmouth yesterday afternoon for the naval review and took up their positions at Spithead.

The warships were met in the Channel by H.M.S. Hood, Repulse, Glorious, and Shropshire, which had been at Portsmouth for some days and went on to Spithead with the other units.

Altogether 20 vessels of the Mediterranean Fleet arrived and 45 vessels of the Home Fleet will arrive to-day.—British Wireless.

Rousing Scenes Of Enthusiasm

Huge Crowd Sees Banquet Guests Arrive

London, To-day.

The King and Queen yesterday afternoon began their Coronation drive through North London, where the people were delirious with joy at Their Majesties driving through their area.

The drive had been kept a dead secret until almost the last moment, when the news spread like wildfire that the King and Queen were coming.

ENTERING CLERKENWELL, THEIR MAJESTIES' CAR WAS HELD UP TEMPORARILY OWING TO THOUSANDS BURSTING THROUGH THE POLICE CORDONS, AND PROGRESS AFTER THIS STAGE WAS CARRIED OUT AT A VERY SLOW PACE FOR A TIME.

THE MAPPED OUT ROUTE OF THE DRIVE COVERED OVER FOURTEEN MILES AND AMONG THE STREETS PASSED THROUGH WERE SOME OF THE MOST LAVISHLY DECORATED IN THE POORER DISTRICTS OF THE NORTHERN QUARTERS.

In one part of Kentish Town, Their Majesties, who constantly waved in friendly fashion to the crowds, saw hundreds of children assembled for open-air Coronation tea parties.

The drive lasted two hours. Over 100,000 persistent folk demonstrated the whole evening outside Buckingham Palace and were rewarded at 10.30 p.m., when the King and Queen came out on the balcony and stood for a few minutes acknowledging the vibrating roar of cheers.—Reuter.

KING'S MESSAGE

Thanks Expressed To Services

London, To-day.

The King, in a message issued from Buckingham Palace last night, says:

"At the conclusion of the Coronation ceremonies in London, the Queen and I wish to express deep gratitude to all those who contributed to their successful accomplishment, inside and outside the Abbey.

"I have nothing but praise for the fine bearing and discipline of those representatives of my naval, military and air forces on duty, and it was a special satisfaction to me that they included so many splendid detachments from overseas, whose presence here we all welcome.

"For all the help so willingly given to ensure the success of the ceremonies, the Queen and I tender our heartfelt thanks."

The King, referring to the long and tiring task of the police, remarked that the latter were assisted as usual by the orderliness and good humour of the crowds.—Reuter.

REPLY TO FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

King George has telegraphed to President Albert Lebrun thanking

Pontifical High Mass For Coronation

London, To-day.

Leading Catholic families in London attended Pontifical High Mass of Thanksgiving for the Coronation, which was sung in Westminster Cathedral by the Archbishop of Westminster yesterday.

The Papal envoy, in cope and mitre, and seated in a gold chair in the nave, intoned the Te Deum.—Reuter.

him for his congratulations on the Coronation.

His Majesty gives assurances of his cordial friendship and liveliest wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the French nation.—Reuter.

STATE BANQUET

450 Buckingham Palace Guests

London, To-day.

The King and Queen received 450 guests at Buckingham Palace last night on the occasion of the second State Coronation Banquet.

The King was wearing the scarlet and gold uniform of a Field-Marshal and the Queen was a lovely figure in a dress of ivory lace embroidered all over with iridescent paillettes, with a magnificent diamond necklace and tiara as jewels.

Their Majesties stood together and shook hands with each guest as they were announced by the Lord Chamberlain.

ALL FOREIGN DELEGATES Queen Mary, the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Kent, the Princess Royal, Earl Harewood and other members of the Royal Family were present, as well as all the foreign and Empire representatives at the Coronation.

London Underground Record

London, To-day.

The London Underground carried over 5,669,000 passengers in 46 hours of continuous service which ended at 2.30 a.m. on the morning after Coronation Day. The peak of traffic was reached at 5.25 a.m. on Coronation Day.—British Wireless.

A crowd estimated at 60,000 assembled in the precincts of the Palace to watch the arrival of the guests.

None received a warmer welcome than the Japanese Crown Prince and Princess, who smiled happily in response.—Reuter.

ON THE BALCONY

King And Queen Again Respond To Demands

London, To-day.

In response to the cheers of the huge crowd, Their Majesties again appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace shortly before midnight.

They were joined by Queen Mary and the Duchess of Gloucester, and smiled and waved to the crowd who cheered tumultuously and sang the National Anthem over and over again.—Reuter.

INVESTITURE LAST NIGHT

London, To-day.

The King and Queen, untired by the strain and fatigue of Wednesday's ceremonial and procession and their generous response last night to the enthusiasm of the crowds outside the Palace in coming out for the fourth time on the balcony at half-past eleven yesterday afternoon gave Londoners a happy surprise by driving in a motor car through North London and viewing the coronation decorations.

Their Majesties were enthusiastically greeted by large crowds which collected at short notice on news passed by word of mouth. The Royal car was brought to a standstill many times as people broke through police cordons and swarmed round, waving and cheering.

Their Majesties returned to Buckingham Palace after nearly 2 hours and soon after the King gave an audience to a number of recipients of Coronation honours on whom he bestowed their insignia.

These included General Sir Hubert Gough, who received the G.C.B.; Mrs. Lyons, wife of the Australian Prime Minister who was invested with the G.B.E.; the Marquess of Exeter with the Order of the Garter and the Earl of Lancaster and Sir John Simon with the G.C.V.O.—British Wireless.

Pickpockets In Crowds

The rain yesterday evening curtailed the activities of the pickpockets but 22 were arrested. In most cases, the victims were unaware of their losses, the culprits being arrested by Chinese detectives mingling with the crowds.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Meeting At St. James's Palace To-day

EMPIRE DEFENCE PRINCIPAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA

London, To-day.

Foreign affairs and defence are the principal items on the agenda of the Imperial Conference, which opens at St. James' Palace this morning.

These subjects will be discussed mainly by the heads of the various Empire delegations, and the debate is expected to last for some time.

SUGGESTIONS THAT THE CONFERENCE IS TO LAY DOWN IMPERIAL FOREIGN POLICY AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ARE DISCOUNTED IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES.

It is pointed out that the talks are intended to continue the contacts between the British Empire Governments and, by personal contact and discussion, to strengthen the existing good relations.

Suggestions that the Conference will formulate an Empire defence policy are also scouted.

It is intended that the heads of delegations should exchange information and views on problems confronting the different parts of the Empire.—Reuter.

DEFENCE FIRST

The first meeting of the Imperial Conference will be held to-day. It is seven years since the statesmen of the Commonwealth have formally conferred in London and in the realm of foreign affairs and defence, which subjects will rank first in the Imperial Conference agenda, the situation has undergone many changes even since the informal discussion which took place between the Prime Ministers assembled in London for the Jubilee in 1935.

The presence of Sir Thomas Inskip, in the United Kingdom delegation, which is representative of all sections forming the National Government, indicates that the co-ordination aspects of defence problems will not be neglected.

OTTAWA FACTS

Constitutional and trade matters for discussion, while important, are rather of a routine character and will not arouse the same public interest as these aspects of Imperial affairs have in the past.

It has been agreed that questions arising from the agreements made at the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa in 1932 can best be dealt with in discussions between the individual Empire governments concerned. The conference is not expected to last for more than four weeks.

Burma is making its first appearance at an Imperial Conference table as a separate entity. On the other hand the Irish Free State will be absent from this year's discussions.—British Wireless.

A commercial treaty between Great Britain and Cuba was signed at Havana.

A daughter has been born to Frau Goebbels, wife of the German Minister of Propaganda.

MANY CHILDREN GET LOST IN PROCESSIONS

Police Provide Buns
And "Pop"

A large number of children strayed from their elders or got lost in the processions of the last two days. They were taken to the different Police stations and enquiries from the three principal ones showed that an average of ten daily found their way to each station. All were later claimed by relatives.

"Most of the children were brought in crying, but we managed to keep them quiet by feeding them with buns and 'pop'," said a Police officer at one of the stations.

ANGLO-GERMAN CONVERSATIONS

Von Blomberg Sees Eden
And Premier

London, To-day.

The German Minister for Defence, Field-Marshal von Blomberg, who was the official Reich representative at the Coronation, visited the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, yesterday morning.

He had a long conversation with both statesmen.—Trans-Ocean.

Coronation Medals Arrive

Special medals, issued by the Royal Mint in commemoration of the Coronation of His Majesty The King, arrived in the Colony to-day. The large silver medals failed to arrive, but the other two are on sale at the local Post Offices, the Treasury, The China Emporium Limited, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Limited, Sennet Freres and Sincere's. The bronze, 1½ in., cost \$1.00. The silver, 1½ in., cost \$2.50.

Forthcoming Wedding

The forthcoming marriage of Miss Ina Mercia Adelaide Dunnett, of No. 3, Minden Avenue, and Mr. Arthur Cecil Ellis, insurance official, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, has been announced.

Refugees Must Leave Gibraltar

Gibraltar, To-day.

All Spanish refugees in Gibraltar have been warned by the authorities that they will be required to leave the Rock in the near future.

Sojourn permits are being carefully inspected with the object, it is stated, of reducing the foreign population to a minimum.—Trans-Ocean.

GROWTH OF PROFITS TAXES

Industrial Leaders'
Proposals.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S ASSURANCE

London, To-day.

A memorandum drawn up by leading British economic bodies makes certain recommendations concerning the manner of levying the new national defence contribution and expresses uneasiness at the proposals in their original form.

The memorandum, which was signed, inter alia, by many Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of British Industries, the Chamber of Shipping and Trade, the British Iron and Steel Manufacturers Association and by several mineowners associations, was handed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, yesterday.

Mr. Chamberlain promised the delegation which called on him with the memorandum that their views would receive most careful examination.—Trans-Ocean.

Modern Comedy In Etiquette

Polish-Rumanian
"Crisis"

Warsaw, To-day.

The knotty problem of etiquette which arose in relations between Poland and Rumania has just been solved by procedure somewhat similar to the proverbial Judgment of Solomon.

Some time ago it had been decided that the Polish President and King Carol of Rumania should exchange visits to emphasise the friendship between the two countries.

The vexed question of precedence, however, arose.

Should the Polish President or King Carol make the first visit?

PROBLEM SOLVED

The President had been longer in office, but there was the question of whether King Carol's royal rank gave him automatic precedence.

The problem has been solved by sending Prince Michael, Heir to the Throne, to Warsaw.

The young Prince will arrive in the Polish capital on May 24 bearing an invitation from King Carol to the President to visit Bucharest on June 7 or June 8.

King Carol will visit Poland in the Autumn, when the Polish army manoeuvres are taking place.—Trans-Ocean.

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HOW TO MANAGE YOUR RELATIONS!

THE young wife's mother-in-law offers the most frequent source of trouble, then her own mother.

Next in frequency comes the baby's grandfather who lives with his daughter, brothers and sister living in the house, or married relatives who live near the mother.

If two families live together, what the mother does and what her relatives think she should do provide a constant source of irritation.

From all that one can gather, no one is ever quite satisfied with the way a mother rears her child. If she is severe, if she is lax, if she is too concerned, or too unconcerned, she always comes in for criticism, of which she is usually only too well aware.

CAN'T PLEASE THEM

So the first rule of getting along with relations is to know and recognise the plain fact that one can't please them.

When you've accustomed yourself to that idea, you'll be able to go head and please the person who CAN be pleased, yourself.

A mother has only to remember this fact and one other. Her duty is not to her relations. Her duty is first and foremost to her child.

She has the duty of rearing her children rightly, according to the best information and knowledge she can collect. If she fulfils that duty, she need worry about no one or nothing.

DIFFERING OPINIONS

I've been reading letters from mothers for more than twelve years. During all that time the thing that worries mothers most is that parents and relatives never think as they do. It can't be expected.

Grandmother reared her flock according to the best she knew in her day. She has nothing to be ashamed of. The body of scientific information about infant diet, care and training was not available in her day.

She obtained her knowledge about children from her mother, married friends and relatives.

THIS COMPLEX WORLD

There are vast changes in social structure these days.

We can't use the same training we once used, because we are rearing children to take their places in a world so changed that it was inconceivable even thirty years ago.

BE PATIENT BUT FIRM

It behoves a mother to see all this clearly. She need not antagonise a grandparent by telling her she knows nothing. She may know a great deal about how to handle children which her daughter or daughter-in-law would do well to imitate.

She has learned tolerance and acquired wisdom in the hard school of experience. Her ideas should not be sneered at simply because of her age.

BUT when the advice of a grandmother, relative, or friend is opposed to that of all present-day authorities, a mother can listen respectfully but go her own way placidly.

If a grandmother's advice on feeding differs with that of the doctor's, there is no choice between them. Listen to the doctor.

CO-OPERATION NECESSARY

When grandmother says, "I do it this way," remind her politely that the chances are her mother didn't approve, either! Mention tactfully that each mother is entitled to rear her child as she thinks best, and if she makes mistakes, she can blame no one but herself.

In addition, there is no possibility of a child being reared successfully when parents and relations do not pull together.

The child must always feel that all the adults are of the same mind. If his mother says what he does is wrong, grandmother, father, aunts and uncles must also consider it wrong.

The child must sense no adult opposition to his mother; otherwise, he cannot respect her wishes or commands. His training must be consistent from day to day, from week to week or it seems of no moment.

TALK THINGS OVER

Talk these things over with grandmother calmly. Don't snatch the child from her as if a moment in her company would contaminate him. Young mothers are guilty of that, too, but keep in mind that a child's mother is his chief guide and trainer.

Other adults can help, without assuming the chief responsibility, by taking things over and exchanging opinions. But not even the closest relation has a right to dictate the way a mother should feed or train or discipline her child. Those duties are hers alone, and hers they must remain.

Savoury Soup Balls

Put into a bowl half a pound of flour, a teaspoonful of baking powder, half a teaspoonful of salt, a saltspoonful of pepper, a dessertspoonful of finely chopped parsley, half a finely grated onion, and four ounces of finely chopped suet. Mix together well and add a little cold water to make a stiff paste. Divide into balls with floured hands (small balls should be made, as they swell) and roll in flour. They should be cooked for an hour, and can be dropped into soup or stew, which should not be allowed to go off the boil when the balls are put in. Or they can be cooked in boiling milk, to make an appetising supper dish.

Apple Batter Pudding

Blend three ounces of flour with a pint of milk and leave to stand for at least an hour. Then add a good pinch of salt, two ounces of castor sugar, a tablespoonful of melted butter, and half a grated nutmeg. Whisk three eggs and beat in quickly to the batter. In a buttered pie-dish put a pound and a half of sliced apples, pour the batter over, and bake in a fairly hot oven for nearly an hour. A handful of seedless raisins may be added with the apples to make a change.

Dress Hints For The Not-So-Slim

JUST lately, our postbag has bulged with letters demanding fashion hints for the woman who is not-so-slim-as-she-used-to-be.

"It's all very well to suggest attractive styles for our slim sisters," complained one reader. "What about the large woman or the dumpy woman? Must she look dowdy or ridiculous?"

"Certainly not," said outside expert Olive Scott. "She can, of course, be smart and look much slimmer than she really is if she avoids using very shiny materials, and any effect which is broadening—such as hoop-lines round the figure.

"She should use soft, adaptable materials, see that her armholes are cut right up under the arm and that her skirts do not 'clip' under her hips.

"There should be no waist seams because the dress should be designed to be worn with or without a belt.

"Sleeves and necklines should be soft: hip lines severe, never fussy.

"Clever draping and gathers on the bodice 'take away' from the bust (provided they come from the shoulder).

"As a rule, the top part of the arm should be covered, so capes, long sleeves and half-sleeves are good. Trimmings should be worn on a cape, at the shoulder or at the throat.

"Necks should be cut high both back and front: low V necks are bad.

"Pleats are good in the skirts of day frocks.

"Colours: Navy, black, brown, mid-blue, wine, and their near relations are safest, but bright, light colours will not necessarily make you look 'dumpy' if the cut is good.

Soap Saver

A handy soap-saver for bathroom use may easily be made from part of a loofah. From one end of a new loofah cut off a piece about three or four inches long. After this piece has been well soaked, rinsed, and dried make a deep slit along one side for an inch or so. Then seam the cut end of the piece neatly over with tape and make a hanging loop at one end of the seam. Odds and ends of toilet-soap that are too small for ordinary use may then be slipped into the centre of the loofah through the slit in the side. An excellent lather may be made by swishing the loofah about in hot water in the bath or wash-basin, and scraps of soap that might otherwise choke the waste-pipe are used up economically. An occasional rinse in hot salt-water, followed by drying in the open-air, will keep the loofah clean and in good condition.

A boy who stowed away in a ship which did not sail and swallowed a razor blade and nails when hungry was successfully operated upon in Blyth, Northumberland, Hospital.



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AMERICAN STEEL STRIKES

Serious Situation Developing

Detroit, To-day.
About 16,500 employees of General Motors have been rendered idle owing to sporadic strikes in Cleveland, Saginaw (Michigan) and Jamesville (Wisconsin).

Of these, nearly 7,000 are involved in a sit-down strike in the Cleveland plant.

Officials of the United Automobile Workers Union declare the strike was called as a protest against needless lay-off and unfair speed-up of production.

TEAR-GAS USED IN PITTSBURGH RIOTS

Police in Pittsburgh used tear-gas bombs against a rioting crowd of pickets of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation strikers, who number 27,000 in all.

Meanwhile Mr. Philip Murray, chairman of the Steel Workers Organisation Committee of the Committee of Industrial Organisation, has called a meeting of the executive committee for Saturday to consider extension of the strike to two other independent concerns, the Republic Steel Corporation and the Sheet and Tube Company.

The latter have refused to sign collective bargaining agreements with the Union.—*Reuter.*

LOVER FOUND DEAD

Second Tragic Sequel To Ship Incident

There has been a sequel in Copenhagen to the sentence on Herr David Kaestelbaum for "violating the modesty" of Mrs. Marjorie Florence Howells in a Harwich-Esbjerg steamer.

M. Lorry Feilberg, a former fiance of Mrs. Howells, was found dead in an hotel bed-room. He had taken an overdose of veronal.

The chain of events is as follows. Mrs. Howells, the 22-year-old wife of Mr. C. J. Howells, club proprietor, of Golders Green, London, was travelling to Denmark in February and met Kaestelbaum in the steamer. An incident occurred in her cabin which led to Kaestelbaum being sentenced to prison.

A week after the cabin incident Mrs. Howells died after an overdose of sleeping draught. Two days later Mr. Feilberg was found unconscious from a drug, but recovered later.

Mr. Feilberg was greatly upset by the judge's summing-up before sentencing Kaestelbaum. The judge said that Mrs. Howells was partly to blame for Kaestelbaum's behaviour. A few hours later Mr. Feilberg took the sleeping draught which ended his life.

He was the general manager of a big motor firm in Copenhagen.

The Rt. Rev. E. O. Hall, Bishop of Victoria, is to meet the members of the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group in the West Lounge on Sunday evening at 9 p.m. and will talk on the Recall to Religion.

Merrill's Return Flight To New York

London, To-day.
The American trans-Atlantic fliers, Dick Merrill and Jack Lambie, took off from Southampton, Lancashire, at 9.20 last night on their return flight to the United States.

The airmen were carrying with them the first picture of the Coronation ceremonies.—*Reuter.*

ITALY TO LEAVE LEAGUE

PARIS, TO-DAY.
ITALY WILL ANNOUNCE HER WITHDRAWAL FROM THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

This report appears in "L'intransigeant," which says the opinion is strongly held in Geneva circles.

Italy's action, the journal adds, will be in the way of protest against the League's refusal to recognise Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia.—*Trans-Ocean.*

MYSTERY PREACHER IN PULPIT

The Church Condemned

A preacher who would not reveal his identity delivered the sermon at Balham Congregation Church recently. He attacked the attitude of Churchpeople towards modern problems, and said that the majority were no better than the Pharisees.

His sermon had not been previously advertised, and the congregation were surprised when the minister, the Rev. John Bevan, who had conducted the first part of the service, announced that he was introducing to the pulpit "a very badly disabled soldier, who has lived deeply with sorrow, suffering and adversity."

The preacher, who wore a black gown and had three Service medals pinned on his breast, began his sermon with the words: "I am not orthodox as you would understand orthodoxy. I cannot claim to be a Churchman in these days. Nevertheless, I love the Church with all my heart."

Recall To Religion

Referring to the Archbishop of Canterbury's Recall to Religion, he said that the Church must go to the people and understand their attitude. He complained that Church organisations, such as the Church Army, the Salvation Army, and the Prisoners' Aid Society had no effect on people.

"A man comes out exactly as he went in," he declared. "I know. I have never yet had a conviction, thank God, but I have lived with these people and I know their attitude to the Church. They condemn it. If the Church were doing its job there would be no slums and no distressed areas."

The preacher said afterwards that he would prefer not to disclose his name.

The Rev. John Bevan, whose sermons have been broadcast, stated that the preacher was known to him as Mr. Yeomans, but there was not his name. He was a man of education and had been gassed in the war.

North-West Frontier Operations

Wazirs Suffer Heavy Casualties

SIMLA, TO-DAY.
ONE INDIAN OFFICER AND TWO INDIAN OTHER RANKS WERE KILLED, AND ONE BRITISH SOLDIER, THREE INDIAN OFFICERS AND FIVE INDIAN OTHER RANKS WOUNDED IN FIGHTING ON THE NORTH-WESTERN FRONTIER ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK.

The First Infantry Brigade, supported by scouts, left camp by different routes and converged in a pincer movement on the plain where the disaffected tribesmen were concentrated.

The Wazirs were caught unawares and offered little resistance. They afforded excellent targets for aircraft which co-operated with the infantry.

The enemy casualties are believed to have been considerable.—*Reuter.*

IRELAND'S NEW CONSTITUTION

Recognition Of King

Dublin, To-day.
The Dail yesterday passed the second reading of the new Constitution Bill by 69 votes to 43.

The President of the Free State, Mr. Eamonn de Valera, said that the new President's powers at present would be used for the purpose of internal affairs but later could be used for external affairs if and when the people decided to abolish the Act of last December, which recognises the King for external affairs.

He added that the people would be asked to decide that matter apart from the Constitution.—*Reuter.*

DER FUEHRER AND IL DUCE

Meeting Rumours Given New Impetus

Berlin, To-day.
Rumours that Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler are going to meet over Whitsuntide have been increased by the announcement that a special railway coach is to be attached to the express passing through Austria on the way to Italy on Saturday.

An official announcement, however, says that the coach is for the use of General Hermann Goerring, who is spending the Whitsun holidays in Venice, where his wife is now staying.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Mr. Chan Ki-yau, representative of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Hong Kong, left for Shanghai yesterday in the Corfu to interview the Generalissimo.

ROYAL TRAINER'S LIBEL SUIT

K. C. ANNOUNCES A SETTLEMENT

"MAN OF HIGHEST REPUTATION"

Settlement of a libel action brought by Mr. Harry Atherton Brown, formerly a famous amateur rider, who trained jumping horses for King Edward VIII., was announced before Mr. Justice Macnaghten in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Brown, who lives at Croft House, Grendon, Atherstone, Warwickshire, had sued London Express Newspaper Ltd., complaining of an article in the "Daily Express" of Dec. 1, 1936, under the heading "£6,000 Netted as Outsider Wins at 8 to 1."

Mr. Roland Oliver, K. C., for Mr. Brown, explained that it mentioned what was described as a sensational starting price coup, brought off on a horse trained by Mr. Brown and owned by a woman.

Mr. Oliver described how a starting price coup or "job" was operated on the course to keep the odds long on a horse, and added that no honest trainer or owner would be a party to such a thing.

It was considered to be a thoroughly disreputable thing to do.

The people most likely to have the information for effecting such a coup would be the trainer and the owner, continued Mr. Oliver, and the article went out of its way to say that the owner knew nothing about it.

"Great Deal Of Injury"

The result of the publication was that, in some cases, horses Mr. Brown had been training were withdrawn, and people wrote to him on the matter. A great deal of injury and distress had been inflicted on him.

The defendants had agreed to pay a substantial sum as damages, and to indemnify Mr. Brown as to his costs.

Mr. G. O. Slade, for the defendants, said that his clients had hoped that in the article they had made it quite clear that the last person they desired to make any imputation against was Mr. Brown, who had the highest possible reputation among trainers.

As the King's trainer he had to be, like Caesar's wife, entirely above suspicion. The defendants desired to make it abundantly clear that there never could be the slightest suggestion against him.

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THE UNATTACHED

The advocates of a "popular front" for Britain are unpopular people, the target of official platforms and party machines. Yet they have an inconvenient habit of being able to see facts without blinkers. There has just been published, for instance, a book by Mr. and Mrs. G. D. H. Cole which will cause intense annoyance in the Labour party because it is at once a very valuable piece of Labour propaganda and a denial that the Labour party as at present ordered can achieve what it sets out to do. In the four hundred and eighty pages of "The Condition of Britain" (Gollancz) the reader will find a brilliant survey of economic facts about the living conditions of the people which, however one may criticise its statistics in detail or disagree with some of its emphasis, presents tellingly the case for radical social and economic reform. But when it comes to assessing the chances of achieving reform the conclusions are gloomy:

The forces which stand in varying degrees for progress and democracy are disunited, hold none of the key positions, and spend a large part of their energy in bickering among themselves. The working-class movement, organised mainly in the Labour party, has both the I.L.P. and the Communist barking away on the Left. The Liberals are still hopelessly divided, both in Parliament and outside. The "progressive persons" not officially connected with any of the party machines run to and fro, creating societies for this and that in unending profusion, but for the most part achieving but a series of entrances and exits of the same "stage-army of the good."

The Labour party is the largest, but is seen as having little chance at present of rallying behind itself the majority of the people. Trade unionism, its backbone, is seen as a declining force, which has failed to keep up with modern industrial development. Labour is attracting neither the new voters nor the old Liberals. "More and more every year the voters who count are those who have no old-established party allegiance to maintain or revise." They vote as they please.

Who are these "doubtful voters"? The Coles suggest that they are mainly the workers in the industries that have been expanding while the older unionised industries declined. They are mostly non-unionists; they have had little experience of pro-

longed unemployment and of any tradition of collective activity; they are as current standards go, fairly prosperous. Moreover, they are strongest in the areas in which Labour has made least headway. Now, significant confession.

The electorate in those areas which hold the balance of the power will not, as things are, be at all easily converted to any sort of Socialism; for the desire for Socialism, unless it comes as an instinctive deduction from the practical trade union experience of class conflict, demands qualities of imagination and adventurousness which are certainly not characteristics of the suburban population.

They may be living, as the authors suggest they are, in a fool's paradise if they believe they can be left undisturbed when world forces are heading for economic and political disaster. The problem is to shake them from their complacency. But if the diagnosis is sound, as in large part it is, why should we assume any greater appeal for a moderate limited programme of the Left, subordinating Socialism to practical reform and mobilising all who will "rally to the defence of peace and democracy"? For the authors admit that a mere combination of Liberal and Labour party machines, "without either of them having anything new to offer," would not pull in the unattached. And party machines are rarely of the essence of the case under modern conditions. Admirable and intellectually satisfying though the limited practical programme may be to the politically minded, there will be many to feel sadly that short of the emergence of a new crisis or of some unexpected dynamic leadership it will not help us much.

The Alien Names

The new edition of "Broadcast English" contains some sensible advice by Professor A. Lloyd James on the question of pronouncing foreign names in English. For once it is admitted that absolute identity with the native version is in some cases impossible—even for announcers of the B.B.C.,—then all rules become absurd. For why should one attempt to pronounce French names correctly and not, say, Russian names? There can be no answer except that it is snobbish to assume a knowledge of French and not of Russia. Where there is a recognised English alternative, such as Leghorn for Livorno or Vienna for Wien, it is affected not to use it; and where the same spelling is used but with a recognised English pronunciation, as in Paris, it is equally absurd to use any other. But it is much more difficult with less important names and with the names of persons. Professor James says that the B.B.C. will make Rheims rhyme with reams because English tradition justifies it, and where there is no English usage the announcers will have to do the best they can. Yet not quite the best, for Professor James also says that in any case the perfect pronunciation of foreign words in the middle of an English sentence sounds wrong. So we may have the pleasant picture of the learned announcer who can pronounce Gmunden like an Austrian purposely mispronouncing it in order to put his English hearers at their ease and to prove that he is not a linguistic snob.

Why Not Commonwealth Pound?

It is suggested that a common monetary standard within the Empire may be one of the subjects discussed at the Imperial Conference which opens in London to-day.

YOU would be annoyed if the pound note handed to you by a bank cashier in London was refused by a shopkeeper in Manchester on the plea that only Manchester pound notes could be recognised in Manchester. Custom and commonsense have long since settled the matter. Yet custom and commonsense are a long time in settling the matter of a pound note which will be accepted anywhere within the boundaries of the nations which comprise the British Commonwealth.

It is not without some interest to find that where statesmanship failed to discover a way out of the Commonwealth variable monetary systems, commerce hammered out its own solution or at least has done so in part and will finish its work at some not distant date.

About six years ago the London pound would only purchase 16s. worth of goods in South Africa and about 18s. worth in Canada; in Australia it purchased 25s. worth of goods and in New Zealand approximately 22s.

To-day the position has changed, the pound has fought its way to level in Canada and South Africa; it still maintains itself at a premium in Australia and New Zealand of roughly 25 per cent.

It is rather an amusing commentary on those paper money enthusiasts who see no importance in gold to recall that in the days gone by Australian sovereigns circulated freely in Britain at their par value, and to observe that the main bar to an Empire pound is now in the

difference in value between the Home and the Australian pounds.

For years the idea of an Imperial pound with an equal value throughout the whole Commonwealth linking the British Commonwealth of Nations into one vast financial structure has been the dream of a few optimistic prophets, whose schemes have received scant attention. However, now that the paper pound has come to stay, many of the old prejudices regarding gold and paper currencies may have gone by the board, and what once seemed mere idealist theories might possibly be regarded as coming within

the boundary line of sweet reasonableness in the eyes of the orthodox financial expert.

The late Sir Basil Blackett, a director of the Bank of England, and one of our foremost financial experts, stated that an "Imperial Currency Standard aiming at stability of internal prices throughout the Empire might perhaps be attainable without encountering the political storms and stress, which had for the time being smashed the international gold standard. It

first used by the more honest nations to fight each other, as an additional tariff weapon. But as time went, statesmen in other countries also saw their use in deluding the masses. Just as dishonest monarchs in days gone by manipulated currencies to get rich at the expense of their poorest subjects, so the more disreputable political leaders in Europe sought to pass the burden of taxation on to the most helpless workers, by inflation or by manipulating currencies to conceal pernicious budget operations.

It is good to think that in Britain at least we have been spared this infamous course of action. It is also good to observe that throughout the Commonwealth, while many countries indulged in orgies of currency ramps, the laws which govern sound currency have not been impinged upon. The little experiment in Canada is perhaps more of local interest than is generally thought. As a news item it had its value; as an experiment it was important that it should be tried.

With democratic peoples, schemes do not develop downward from leaders to voters, but rather upward from voters to leaders. Thus London could not institute a Commonwealth currency reform. The demand for a change must come from the younger members of the group.

In the last five years the states comprising the Commonwealth have each grappled with their currency troubles in their own way. The Bank of England has lent its support and whenever called upon has sent out able men to advise. But in the main it has been left for each state to work out its own monetary salvation.

The Commonwealth pound, like most movements which take form among English-speaking peoples, will develop the sooner by not being pushed, by not being made the pet of any political party.

By Roy Hopkins

was possible to conceive of an Imperial currency authority far more easily than a world currency authority. Successfully established, the Imperial Currency Standard would soon attract into its orbit a number of countries outside the British Empire."

Those who know of Sir Basil's remarkable career as a financial authority at the Treasury, with the Bank of England and in India, will not doubt that had his proposal been impracticable it would never have been suggested, and that he would only have pronounced these significant words after giving the subject mature consideration.

Sir Basil was thinking on these lines ten years ago. Unfortunately much water has flowed under the bridge since then and currencies are being used in a way which might have surprised him. When high tariff barriers were being erected throughout the world—barriers which brought chaos to Europe and America, as was foreseen they would—the next sacrifice to be made by the peoples of the world was to be compelled to abandon the sanctity of currencies. In the international trade struggle after 1930, currencies were at

DECK LANDING

A Cameo Of The Fleet Air Arm

Suddenly the telegraphist of Fleet "spotter" number "26" stiffens in his seat, and taps out a few letters on his Morse key, in answer to the carrier's call. Then, scribbling something on a signal pad, he hands a written message to the observer.

"All aircraft return," the observer reads, passes the information on to the pilot, and gives him the homeward course.

"Another ten knots air speed," suggests the observer, "It'll come on to blow soon." So saying, he drops a smoke bomb over the side and notes the time. A small wisp of white vapour flicks from the grey-green surface of the sea where the bomb falls.

He finds the wind has freshened and shifted. Allowing for this, he works out a new course. Unless he does so they will never find the carrier, now nearly a hundred miles away.

Soon they are flying through rain, with dense cloud above and below. The pilot dives to come out beneath them.

"Ware aerial, sir!" warns the telegraphist.

"Aerial!" echoes the observer through the voice pipe.

The pilot climbs a little to raise the weight from the sea. The wind must be measured again at the lower altitude, so another smoke bomb is dropped, and the navigator checks up his calculations.

Through streaming goggles they look for the ship. Another five minutes and they will have overshoot her. If they can't find her it'll mean a landing in the "ditch," followed by an uncomfortable cruise in the rubber dinghy.

"Plane to starboard!" yells the observer. The pilot has already seen her, and banks away steeply to avoid a collision with the oncoming torpedo bomber.

"Mm!" mutters the observer of number "26." "My reckoning could-

n't have been too bad, we've both hit the same spot." Suddenly the rain blinded pilot of number "26" zooms violently, forcing his crew almost to their knees. He has barely avoided the topmast of a destroyer sticking through the low-lying clouds. The sight of it relieves the tension somewhat, for she is one of the destroyers attached to the carrier, and the parentship is somewhere, not far, ahead of her.

The carrier is steaming full ahead into the wind. Smoke is torn from her funnel, and the signal flags stand out like boards. The flying-deck party are huddled in the safety nets on either side of the streaming deck.

Number "26" lands on after the other machine.

The bomber is down—"Will the lift never come up again?" frets the pilot of the "spotter." Deck landing in half a gale is an ordeal he wants to get over.

"Number '26' land on!"—shouts the observer, as a new signal is hoisted aboard the carrier.

The plane meets a bad bump in the last stages of her approach, and is forced to zoom clear. Round again she comes. Her pilot slewing her from side to side, in a most alarming fashion, as he tries to get a view straight ahead. He throttles back over the stern and lands. Although the plane was drifting sideways a little a seaman grabs her wing and saves her from damage.

"Fleet "spotter" number "26" taxis forward towards the lift, figures in gleaming oilskins hanging on to her wing tips. Once in position, wings are folded back, the pilot switches off the engine, chocks are placed in position and the wings folded back. The observer and telegraphist climb down from their cockpits. A warning bell rings continuously as the lift carries the plane and her crew below deck to the gleaming white hangar.

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CIANO'S SPEECH

"UNFORESEEN" CHECK TO RAPPROCHEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

"Signor Mussolini has assumed the leadership of Italian foreign policy and has stubbornly striven to avert the danger of Europe being split into two opposing camps."

SO DECLARED THE FOREIGN MINISTER, COUNT CIANO, IN A REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION BEFORE THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES YESTERDAY.

"ITALY HAS REPEATEDLY CALLED EUROPE'S ATTENTION," HE CONTINUED, "TO THE NECESSITY OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF GERMANY, WHICH HAVE AN IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE."

"The parallel development of Communism."

German and Italian policy has become increasingly evident over the questions of the security of Belgium, the Danubian problem, anti-Communist attitude in Spanish Affairs, recognition of General Franto and the non-intervention question.

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Italy's friendship with Austria, he stated, had not changed.

Italy would conscientiously observe the control measures of the London non-intervention committee.

ANGLO-ITALIAN RELATIONS

Referring to Anglo-Italian relations, Count Ciano admitted that "some unforeseen obstacle had at least delayed the process of rapprochement."

He denied, however, that Italy objected to Britain's rearmament programme.

Count Ciano stressed Italy's good relations with the Moslem and Arab world and stated that her Islamic policy was not endangering the position of other States, — Trans-Ocean.



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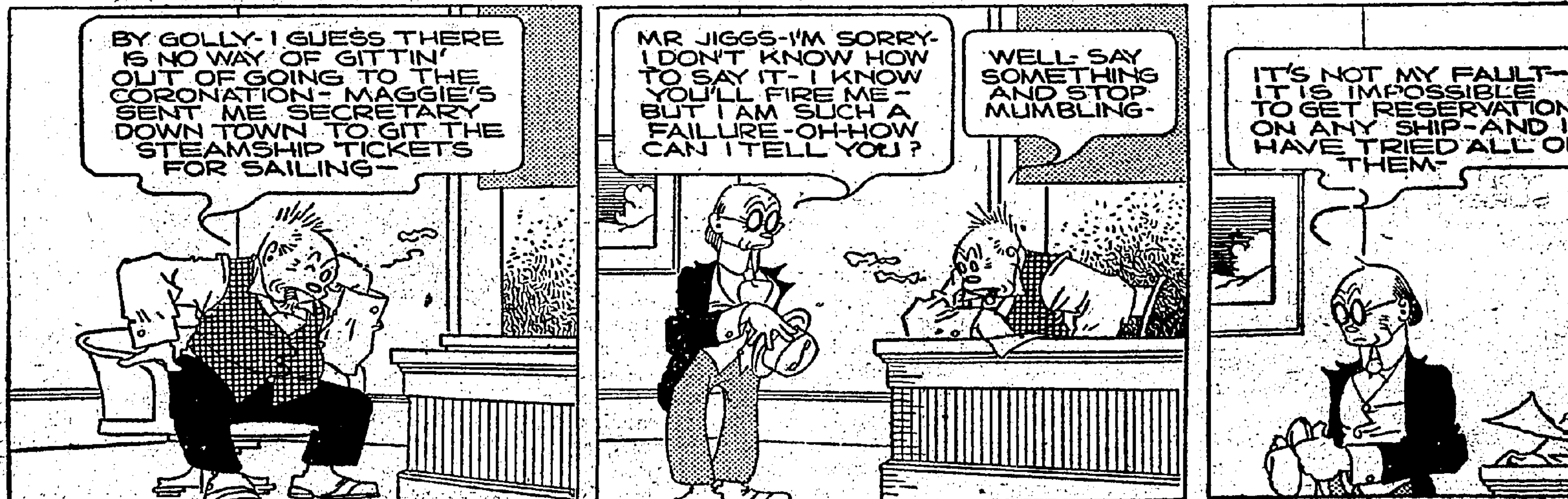
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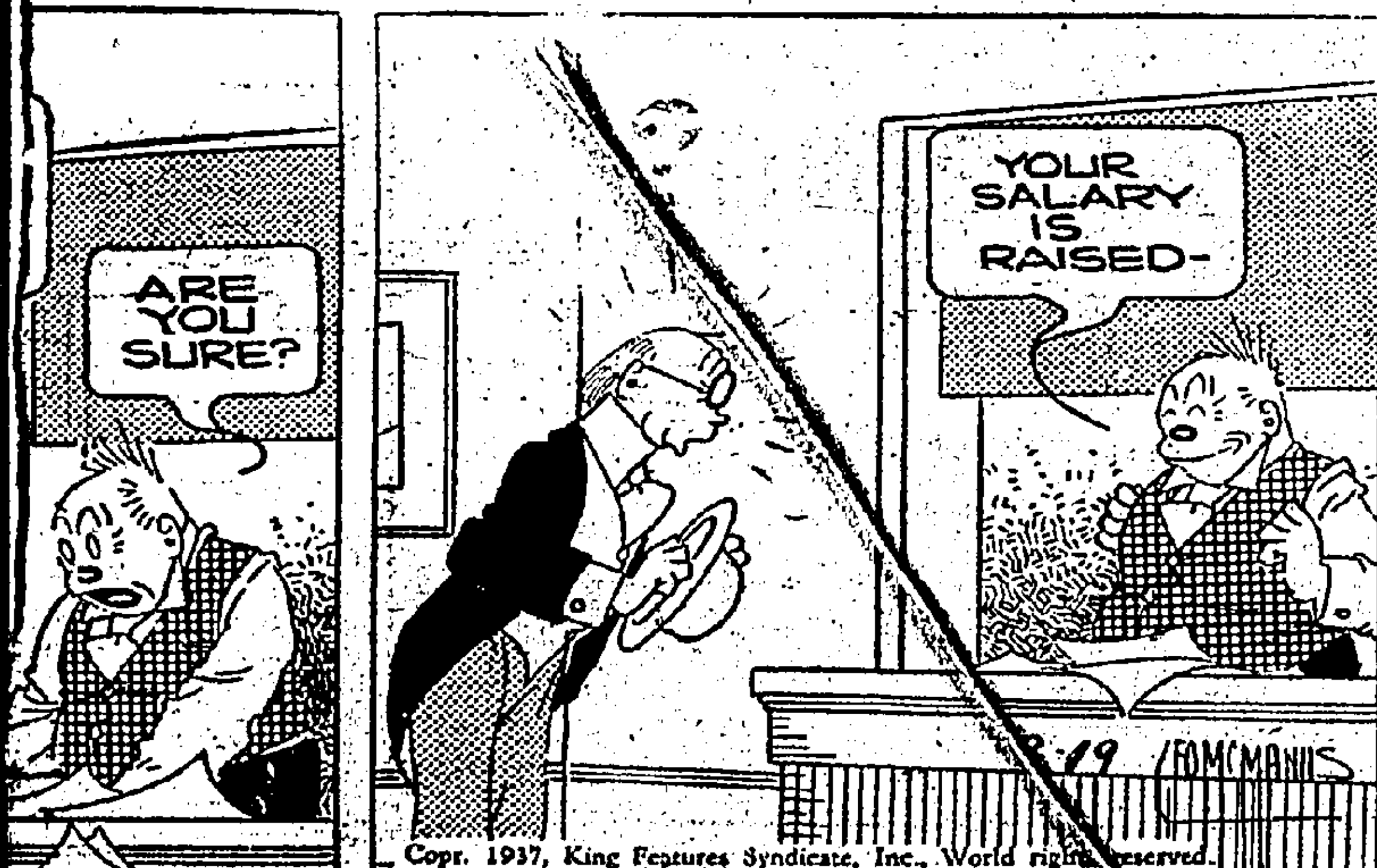


Photo shows inquest officials examining the burned wreckage of the giant Douglas airliner which crashed into a mountain near McNary, Ariz., carrying eight to their deaths. Two bodies had been thrown clear of the wreckage but the rest burned. Cause of the crash is shrouded in mystery.



Air raids by both parties in the Spanish civil war are gradually sapping the morale of the civilian population. This picture was taken a few minutes after insurgent planes had dropped their deadly bombs on Barcelona, and shows a child, struck by flying debris, being rushed to hospital.

By George McManus



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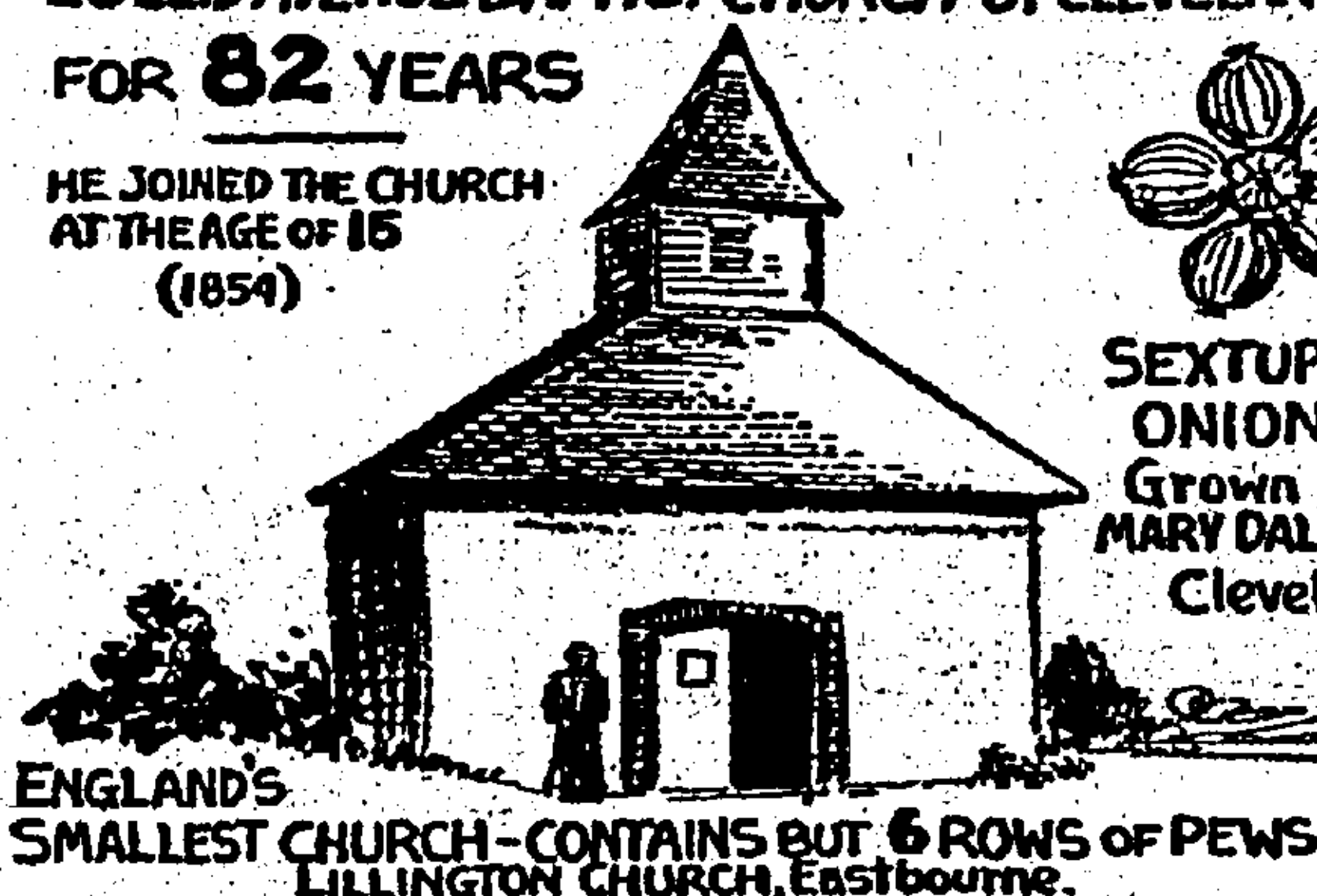
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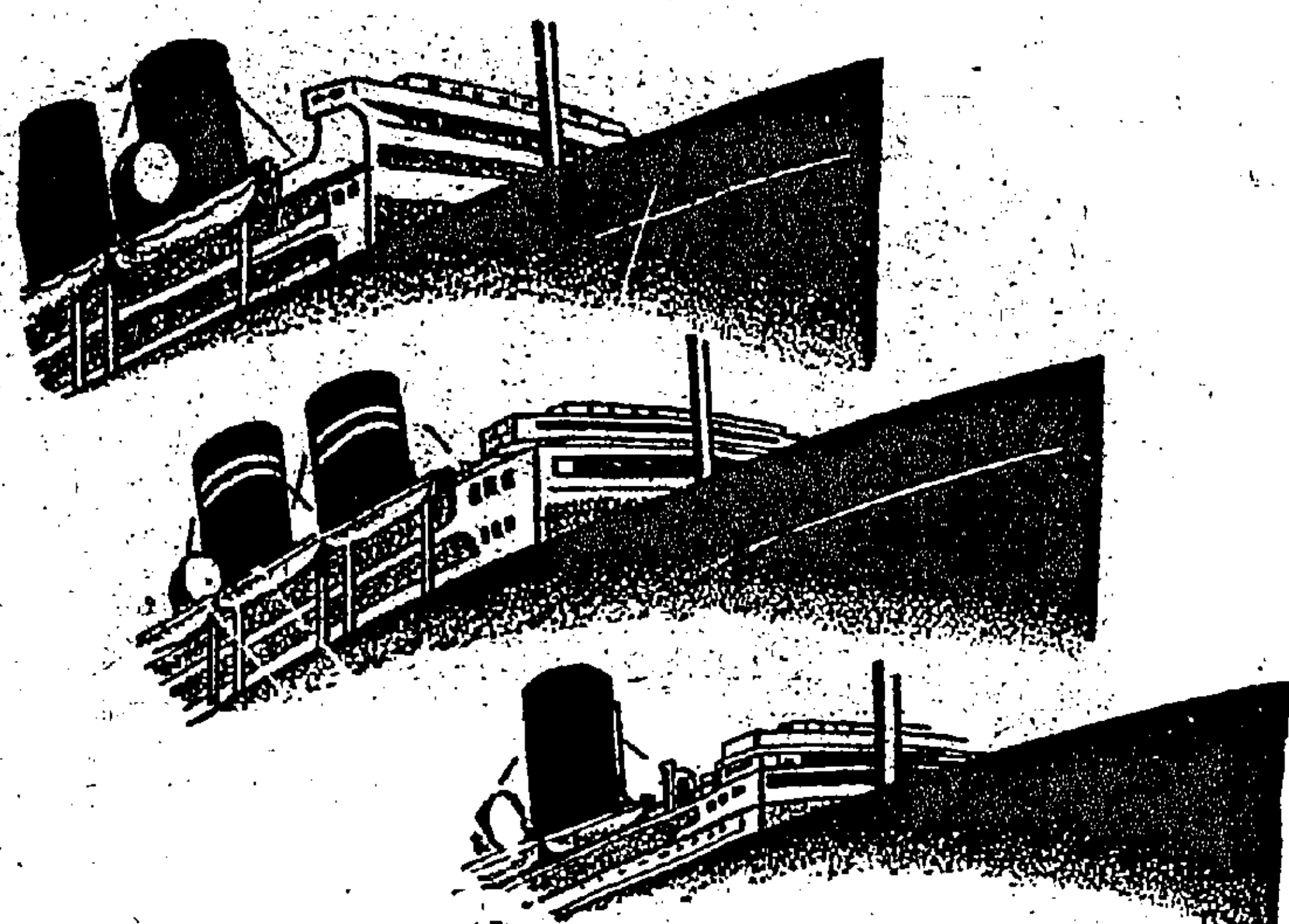
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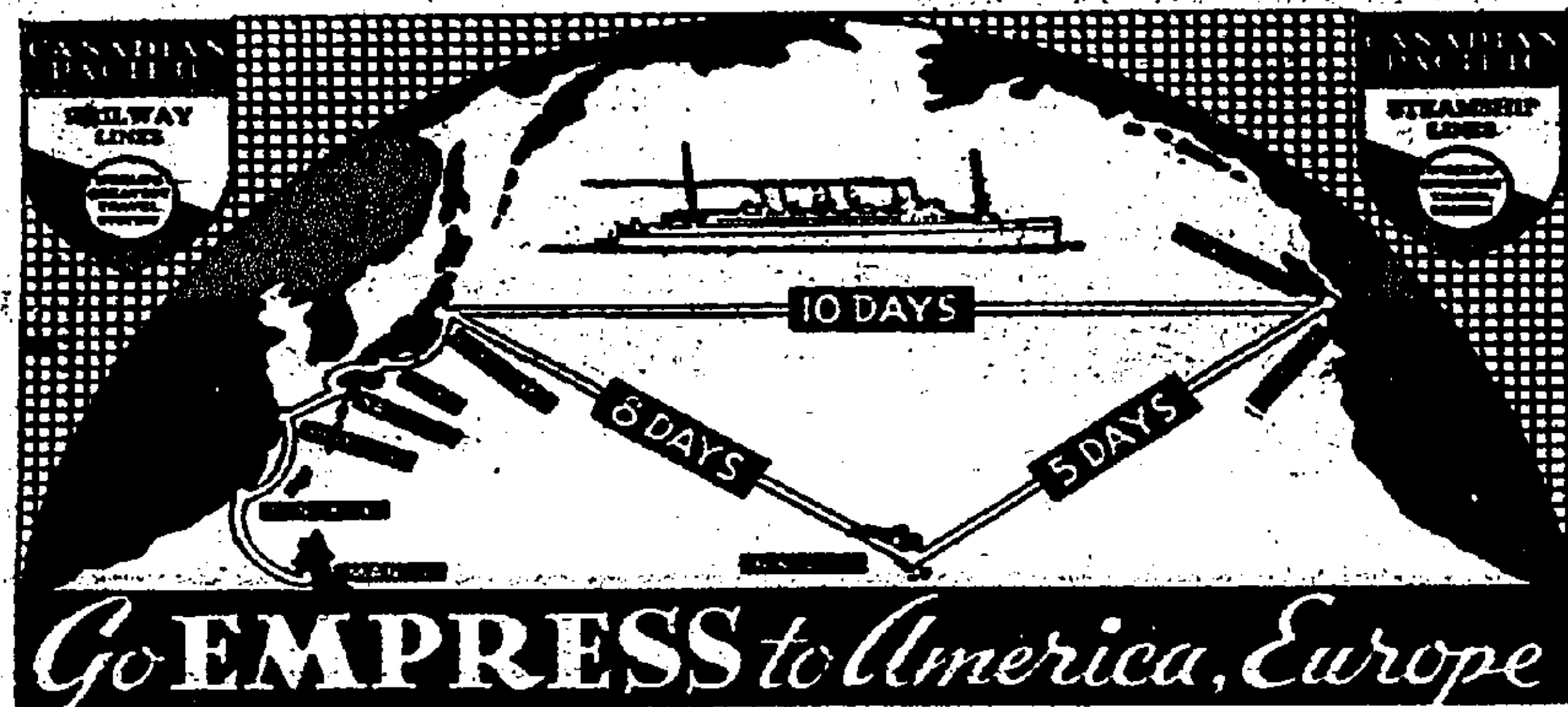
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Hong Kong Bank	\$1860 b. \$1865 sa.
Bank of East Asia	\$98 b.
INSURANCES	
China Underwriters	\$1½ b.
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$280 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
H. K. and K. Wharves	\$119½ b.
Providents (Old)	\$2¼ b., \$2.30 sa.
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LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. Lands	\$35¼ b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways	\$15 b.
Peak Trams (Old)	\$4½ b.
Peak Trams (New)	\$1¼ b.
Star Ferries	\$86 s.
China Lights (Old)	\$14¼ b.
China Lights (New)	\$14 sa.
H. K. Electrics	\$60¼ b.
Macao Electrics	\$17¼ b.
Sandakan Lights	\$12¼ b.
Telephones (Old)	\$29½ b.
Telephones (New)	\$12.70 s.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cements	\$15.35 b.
STORES, ETC.	
Dairy Farms	\$25¼ b.
Sinceres	\$2.60 b.
COTTON MILLS	
Shanghai Cottons (Old)	Sh. \$117 b.
Shanghai Cottons (New)	Sh. \$92 b.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Constructions (New)	45 cts. b.

Stock	Opening 10 a.m. in Pesos
Antamoks	1.05
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Benguet Explor.	.8½
Big Wedge	.18
Coco Grove	.52
Consolidated Mines	.023
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Gumaus G'field	.12
Ipo Gold	.20
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LOCAL DOLLAR

London Silver Prices

The dollar opened on demand today at 1/2-27-32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 20-½ and "forward" at 20-½.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.9420 and the New York on London cross-rate at \$—U.S.\$4.94-1/16.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Buyers:	
Spot	35 down 1½
June	35½ down 1½
July/Sept.	35½ down 1½
Oct/Dec.	35½ down 1½
Market: Weak.	

RANPURA DELAYED

The P. and O. liner Ranpura has telegraphed the local agents announcing: "Delayed by fog. Earliest possible time of arrival 10 a.m. Friday Lyeemun."

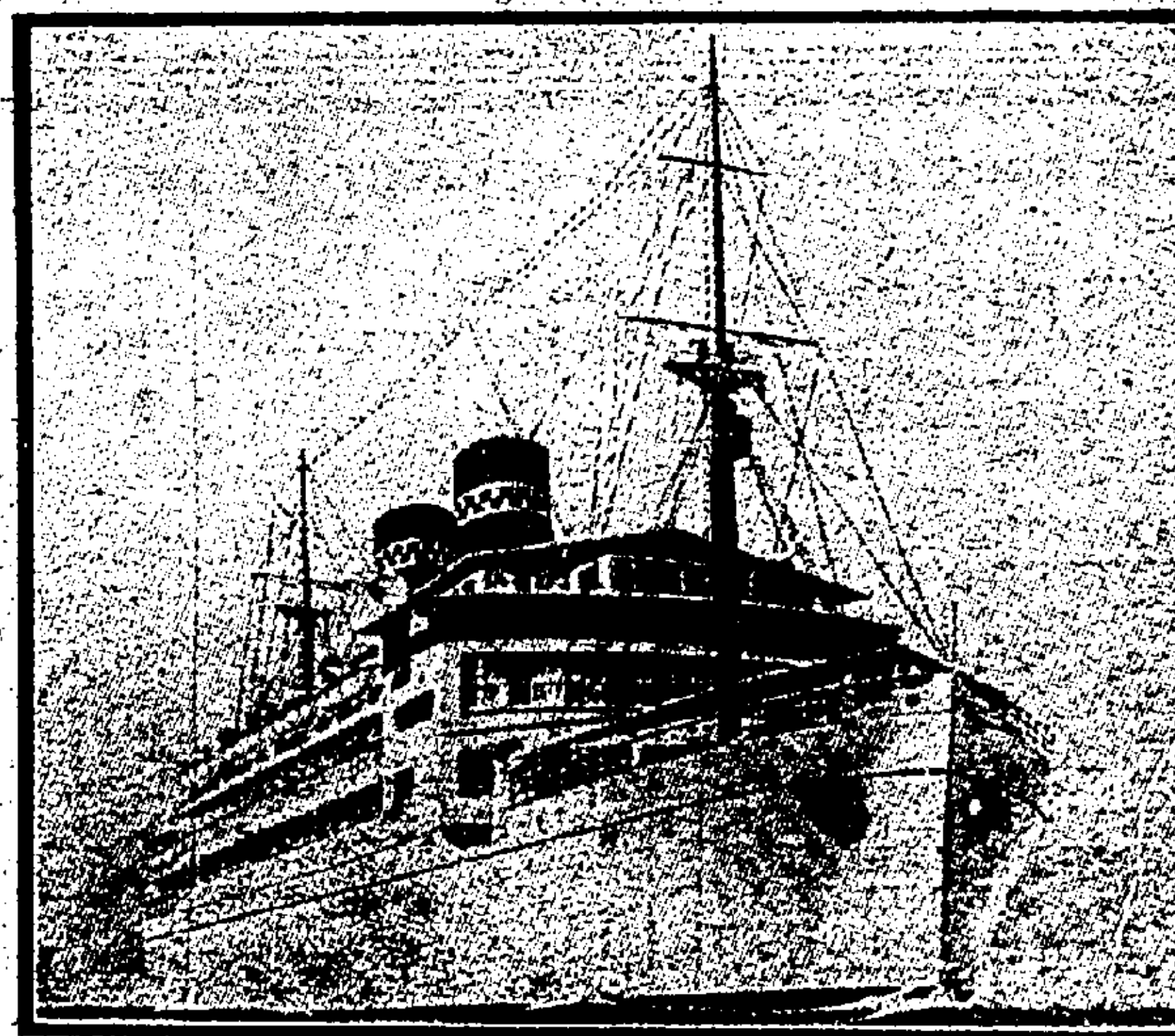
Mr. John A. Galvin, formerly manager of the marketing department of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau Ltd., and who has now joined Millington Ltd in Shanghai, left for the North to-day by the R.M.S. Empress of Canada to take up his new post.

Masbate Consol.	.26
Min. Resources	.24
Northern Mining	.7½
Paracale Gumaus	.37½
Salacot Mining	.042
San Mauricio	1.85
Smyoc Consol.	.36
United Paracales	.63

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RECREIO SWEEP ALL BEFORE THEM

R. F. LUZ'S INSPIRED PERFORMANCE

BUT PORTUGUESE SECOND STRING FAIL

SAM RANDLE FOR K.F.C.

(By "SKIP")

IN my notes last week, I promised good bowls and thrills galore in the match between Club de Recreio and Craigengower at King's Park, and spectators were amply rewarded in both respects. I do not think that even the Portuguese thought they could save the game, for they were 18 down at the 12th head, and as much as 14 after the 18th!

BUT THEY HAD NOT COUNTED ON THE BRILLIANCE OF LUZ WHO, INSPIRING HIS VERY STRONG RINK WITH HIS OWN ENTHUSIASM, HAD DICK BASA'S FOUR ON THE RUN. LUZ WAS SEVEN DOWN, AFTER LOSING A SIX, WHEN THE REVIVAL BEGAN AND HIS CARD FROM THE 15TH END READ 2, MINUS 1, 2, 2, 5, 4 3, TO WIN BY TEN SHOTS.

C. F. Remedios was also brilliant, especially towards the finish when he was continually improving the head with uncanny shots. F. X. M. Silva lost a four to Omar at the first head, but had overtaken his man at the fourth, after which he was never within miles of him and lost by nine.

Bradbury and Alves had a very interesting game on the end rink, level pegs being called four times before the home skip won by a solitary shot. C. G. Silva was outstanding for the home team on this rink, whilst Bradbury, who played a clever game, had the best support from Cavanagh. The recovery which ended in a two-shot win for the home team, was reminiscent of some of those of Craigengower last year, when they fought back gamely on two or three occasions to turn probable defeat into sensational victory.

CULLEN SHINES

It was pretty well a one-man show at Hung Hom where the Kowloon Dock team entertained the K.C.C. and the one man was Cullen! Perhaps that is not quite fair to his rink, who played well to a man, especially Parks, but as skips are blamed for every loss, it seems only just that they should receive most of the praise! When it is observed that Silkstone got a five in his total of eight, it will be realised how much his quartette was being out-bowled. Short woods are a skip's nightmare, and there were plenty of them about I'm told, with Silkstone himself not blameless. Frank Goodwin, the K.C.C. cricket captain, figured in a very low-scoring game against Cooper and thanks to a five on the very first head (very good on a strange green!) he kept his nose in first to the end, getting home by a brace.

J. C. Brown, (after a season at home) was back on the green again, but was not able to secure the better of Jimmy Jack, a tie being a fair finish to a very sporting game.

The first drawn game of the season took place at the Hong Kong Football Club, the Police when apparently set for a win, being pipped on the post by Jack Rodger, who obtained a three at the last head of the game to save a point for the homesters. Mair was leading Rodger all the way, and was 13 to the

Bowlers' community chorus: "Just whisper and I Shall Hear." —Hummer.

good at the finish, but could not quite save the three count.

TWO RINKS UP

The Footballers went on two of their rinks, Hyde-Lay being eight up against Moss, who took the lead with a good six midway through, whilst Macfarlane finished strongly to finish five up on Post. Macfarlane began with a smart nap hand only to concede a like score later on, whilst Moss scored a six count against Hye-Lay.

The K.B.G.C. had also to face a deficit of a dozen or so when half way through their game with the Civil Servants at Austin Road, but they gradually recovered their lost ground to win. Armstrong was the biggest winner with a baker's dozen majority over Hollidge. Lines played a noteworthy game, drawing good shots repeatedly, whilst Strange gave his skip splendid support and established his position as No. 3 to Hollidge, who was not at the top of his form by any means.

Guy was eight down to Grimmit after a dozen heads, but recovered well to get home by a couple of shots. Simmonds was leading well for Grimmit, whilst Phillips pulled his weight and a bit more. Grimmit himself was as good as ever which is adequate praise in itself. On the other ring Deakin played a useful game, and Hosking found him the chief obstacle to heavier win than five points.

K.B.G.C. DOUBLE

The Junior Champions completed the double for the K.B.G.C. by winning against the K.C.C. second string at Cox's Road. L. Jack in beating Waterton being the only successful home skip. He trailed for some heads until he obtained a lucky break, and after that he never looked back and had six to spare at the final reckoning. Drake and Nish had a hammer-and-tongs game

SKIP'S FORECAST

FIRST DIVISION			
C.C.C.	(90)	K.B.G.C.	(36)
K.C.C.	(63)	Recreio	(45)
P.R.C.	(54)	C.S.C.C.	(50)
H.K.F.C.	—	K.D.R.C.	—
SECOND DIVISION			
K.B.G.C.	(52)	C.C.C.	(45)
RECREIO	(93)	K.C.C.	(29)
H.K.F.C.	—	I.R.C.	—
TAIKOO	—	POLICE	—

THIRD DIVISION

K.F.C.	—	K.T.R.C.	—
*C.S.C.C.	(51)	C.C.C.	(53)
R.H.K.Y.C.	—	RECREIO	—
H.K.E.R.C.	—	H.K.F.C.	—

(* In Second Division last year)
(Figures in brackets denote result of corresponding games last season.)

with the former scoring a two on the last head to win by the narrowest margin.

It was a different story on the other rink where Canning and occasionally Carr were the only home players to live up to their reputations in Hirst's rink, and the rink lost heavily to Meyer's quartette, all of whom played good bowls.

H.K.F.C. SURPRISE

The Hong Kong Football Club's second string surprised by beating the strong Club de Recreio outfit and they did so comfortably by winning on two rinks, W. Gill being the only losing skip and that by a single shot. Brooksbank held the lead all the way against Butcher Remedios, Webster who, was promoted from the third team, being a tower of strength to his skip. Dr. Selby had the better of Henry Basto for most of the game, although the latter got in front for one head, only to lose the lead on the next one.

The handsome win which Craigengower secured at Taikoo came rather as a surprise to me, as I expected a much closer result. The visitors won all rinks, but in two cases there were only three in it. It was left to Bill Way to make sure of the points and he did so by beating Chalmers by 14, of the best. Medina, whom I was pleased to see on the green again, lent him excellent support.

RANDLE SUPPORTS K.F.C.

The Kowloon Football Club very nearly had the better of Craigengower's Third Division team, but could not just manage it. Sam Randle, of the K.B.G.C., and one of last year's outstanding players has thrown in his lot with the K.F.C., and his experience, not to mention skill, should be of great help to them. True, he lost on this occasion, but only by the singleton which Zimmermann chalked up on the last end. Bob Hall went down badly to Alves but the other Bob, Lapsley of that ilk, was 14 to the good against Bagley.

The other two matches in this division finished up pretty well as anticipated, the Yacht Club just beating Kowloon Tong at Waterloo Road and the H.K.F.C., thanks to Edwards again, reaching home by three against the Civil Servants.

C.C.C.-K.B.G.C. CLASH AT THE VALLEY

SECOND DIVISION "NEEDLE" MATCH

K.F.C. SHOULD BEAT KOWLOON TONG

(By "SKIP")

The best match in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League this week will be seen at Happy Valley where Craigengower entertain the Kowloon Bowling Green Club! In view of the annihilation which the latter received in the corresponding match last year, it is perhaps flattering to the Mainlanders to suggest that the match will be a close one, but I cannot imagine that the margin will be nearly as great as that of last year, although the Champions should be able to win and must start easy favourites.

The K.C.C. are at home to Club de Recreio and any result other than a win for the visitors will be a decided surprise! The strength of the two teams is very different from what it was last season, when the Cricketers, mainly due to a big

Bowlers' popular song: "I Love You, I Love You, 'Tis All That I Can Say"—Metho.

win on Silkstone's rink, had a comfortable victory.

The Police team meet their Civil Service neighbours and may just obtain the verdict in what should prove the closest game of the day. I think that the H.K.F.C. will have rather more than they can manage in the Kowloon Dock team, who are on the crest of the wave at the moment.

NEEDLE MATCH

It is early yet to talk about League tables, but judging by results to date, it is quite on the cards that the result of the Second Division match at Austin Road may have an important bearing on the ultimate destination of the honours.

The visitors are Craigengower, who have had two smashing wins to their credit and who are at the top of the League. The home team after two away wins are second. The ground advantage should just about turn the scales, but a ticket in a sweepstake would be a better investment than a bet either way.

Club de Recreio, in spite of their lapse on Saturday, should clean up the K.C.C. without much difficulty! The visitors will be weakened by the departure of T. W. Carr, who will be on his way to England long before the first wood of the day is trundled.

The Hong Kong Footballers are expected to secure the better of the Indians after a very close game, although one must not lose sight of the fact that the latter have won both their matches.

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F. CULLEN LEADS IN SKIP'S TABLE

MEYER AND MAUGHAN LEAD JUNIORS

F. CULLEN, the Kowloon Docks' skip, and former Interporter, at present leads the First Division Skip's table with a 100 per cent. record, being 28 shots up, while U. M. Omar, of the Craigengower Cricket Club, is second being seven shots behind, and also with a 100 per cent. record.

In the Second Division, J. G. Meyer, of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, leads with 28 shots up, and an unbeaten record. He is followed by H. V. Pearce, of Craigengower Cricket Club, who is seven shots behind.

B. E. Maughan, of the Yacht Club, heads the Third Division, being seven shots ahead of E. J. Edwards, of the Football Club. Both are still unbeaten.

The following is the complete table of all skips in the Three Divisions this season:—

FIRST DIVISION SKIP'S TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Up	Dn.	Pts
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	56	28	28	0	4
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	54	33	21	0	4
T. Armstrong (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	45	26	19	0	4
R. F. Luz (Recreio)	2	2	0	0	50	35	15	0	4
A. Hyde-Lay (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	45	36	9	0	4
H. A. Alves (Recreio)	2	2	0	0	40	37	3	0	4
J. McKelvie (K.D.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	29	13	16	0	2
S. Randle (K.B.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	31	16	15	0	2
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	43	38	5	0	2
C. B. Hosking (K.B.G.C.)	2	1	1	0	40	36	4	0	2
L. Guy (K.B.G.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	17	2	0	2
E. A. Post (P.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	43	41	2	0	2
W. Mair (I.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	46	40	6	0	2
A. MacFarlane (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	1	0	36	37	0	1	2
F. M. X. Silva (Recreio)	2	1	1	0	42	45	0	3	2
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	34	38	0	4	2
R. Basa (C.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	37	43	0	6	2
J. C. Brown (K.D.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	18	0	0	1
J. Jack (K.C.C.)	2	0	1	1	36	48	0	12	1
G. Cooper (K.D.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	16	18	0	2	0
J. Fraser (K.D.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	18	25	0	7	0
A. W. Grimmitt (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	35	42	0	7	0
J. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	37	48	0	11	0
J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	44	0	15	0
G. Moss (P.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	30	54	0	24	0
A. E. Silkstone (K.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	24	49	0	25	0
J. Rodger (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	57	0	28	0
Totals	48	23	23	2	962	962	145	145	48

SECOND DIVISION SKIP'S TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Up	Dn.	Pts
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	56	28	28	0	4
H. V. Pearce (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	54	33	21	0	4
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	49	29	20	0	4
M. Y. Adal (I.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	46	30	16	0	4
W. S. Drake (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	45	31	14	0	4
J. J. Basto (Recreio)	2	2	0	0	39	30	9	0	4
A. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	28	15	13	0	2
E. M. Remedios (Recreio)	2	1	1	0	42	35	7	0	2
C. H. Basto (Recreio)	2	1	1	0	41	35	6	0	2
R. M. Keown (T.D.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	44	40	4	0	2
W. Ward (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	22	19	3	0	2
J. A. R. Selby (H.K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	22	19	3	0	2
L. Jack (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	39	37	2	0	2
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	34	34	0	0	2
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	33	33	0	0	2
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	38	42	0	4	2
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	1	0	36	42	0	6	2
F. H. W. Haynes (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	25	25	0	0	1
D. W. Waterton (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	1	1	39	47	0	8	1
H. Nish (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	17	18	0	1	0
J. Orem (P.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	19	22	0	3	0
J. A. Watson (T.D.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	22	0	8	0
J. Chalmers (T.D.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	12	26	0	14	0
S. Logan (P.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	13	27	0	14	0
J. Smith (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	12	30	0	18	0
T. F. Stainton (T.D.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	37	44	0	7	0
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	2	0	34	44	0	10	0
W. Glendinning (P.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	25	46	0	21	0
W. W. Hirst (K.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	26	58	0	32	0
Totals	48	23	23	2	941	941	146	146	48

THIRD DIVISION SKIP'S TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Up	Dn.	Pts
B. E. Maughan (H.K.R.Y.C.)	2	2	0	0	48	25	23	0	4
E. J. Edwards (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	40	26	14	0	4
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	40	27	13	0	4
J. M. S. Rozario (Recreio)	2	2	0	0	45	36	9	0	4



Fred Cullen, above, the Kowloon Dock skip at present leads the First Division Skip's table.

ARE YOU A SKIP?

HOW TO BUILD UP A CHAMPION RINK

ABILITY BEFORE SENTIMENT

Only long years in the game of lawn bowls can teach you its finer points, for experience was ever the greatest master. Let us assume that you intend to contest the next rink championship of the Colony, with a view to inclusion in the Interport match — the highest honour.

You sit down and draw in your circle of acquaintances, or those eligible for the various positions. Your troubles begin at once. The first is your leader. Now there are endless numbers of leaders, but the match one, where, oh where is he? In due course you discover him.

But your troubles are still on. You may consider *HE* is the goods, but he may not think *YOU* fill the bill. If you do not, you should not be burlesquing the game.

THE KEY MAN

When at last a suitable mat-layer comes in view, be certain that he is a George Morris; a man who can "stand up" to any strain, and not be liable to look for alibis at the first sign of failure.

"Pulling together" is a misnomer without the pull you will not cause the knots to become undone, or the strands to break. A match leader is a necessity.

S. J. Houghton (K.T.)	2	2	0	0	45	37	8	0	4
H. Westlake (C.S.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	44	37	7	0	4
A. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	44	38	6	0	4
C. Roza-Pereira (Recreio)	2	2	0	0	38	34	4	0	4
K. S. Robertson (H.K.R.Y.C.)	2	1	0	1	57	29	28	0	3
A. E. S. Alves (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	27	10	17	0	2
J. Gibson (K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	23	20	3	0	2
R. Lapsley (K.F.C.)	2	1	1	0	41	38	3	0	2
W. Simpson (K.T.)	2	1	1	0	39	38	1	0	2
A. H. Basto (K.T.)	2	0	0	2	38	38	0	0	2
H. A. Botelho (Recreio)	2	1	1	0	30	31	0	1	2
J. Lunny (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	0	1	1	36	42	0	6	1
S. Randall (K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	20	21	0	1	0
A. Webster (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	18	20	0	2	0
H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	20	23	0	3	0
J. S. Beach (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	1	0	18	21	0	3	0
W. Cullip (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	22	0	8	0
A. A. Lewis (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	11	39	0	28	0
J. H. Gelling (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	2	0	37	42	0	5	0
A. Stevenson (H.K.R.Y.C.)	2	0	2	0	39	46	0	7	0
W. Muskett (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	32	40	0	8	0
S. Deacon (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	30	45	0	15	0
R. Hall (K.F.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	50	0	21	0
W. Bagley (C.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	30	58	0	28	0
Totals	48	22	22	4	933	933	136	136	48

C.C.C.-K.B.G.C. CLASH AT THE VALLEY

(Continued from Page 18)

Taikoo must surely "break their duck" with a win against the Police seconds, who journey down to the delightful green at Quarry Bay.

THIRD DIVISION

I make no excuse for being brief in my forecast in the Third Division, as the teams have not sorted themselves out yet, with the exception perhaps of the Yacht Club, who appear to be the most useful combination so far.

I think they will put it across Club de Recreio to rob that club of a triple victory. Kowloon Football Club, if they turn out the same team as last week (plus one!) will be able to keep the points with the Kowloon Tong Club as their opponents. The Electricians are due for a win, and I think they will draw blood this week, even against the undefeated H.K.F.C. whilst the Civil Service team may just win.

Number Two? What of him? Here you are up against it in a worse form than that presented by your leader. Do you know a player who, firstly, will stand up to big games? One who can play any shot you can?

One who will draw dead to the head, or about it, and so fill the place allotted him? One who can "open up" with a fast drive, or a bender, and clear the way for the Number Three?

GET THEM WILLING

In his selection you should exercise the greatest care. The trouble, will be to get one, for most versatile men, imagine that they should be where you are—leading the rink.

Now for your No. 3. He must be a man who would be satisfied to fill the job, while admitting to himself, and you to him, that he is just as capable to skip as you.

Get them willing, and you get combination. What constitutes the best third man? The one who "saws wood" to begin with? The parrot species are best in cages.

FANCY RINKS BEST

The talk about "men who" will work together, unless they possess the ability, is a flight of the imagination.

When anything else happens, it is usually to be found in bad conditions gales and so forth. Level them all up, and anybody wins. In choosing your men, look for versatility, stability, experience, and subordination; ability in place of sentiment, and the will to win.

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

FIRST DIVISION

The following are the First Division Lawn Bowl teams for to-morrow:—

K.B.G.C.

W. Russell, V. Fetherick, E. W. Lines and T. Armstrong (skip).
S. A. Bright, D. O. Read, J. C. Gill and C. B. Hosking (skip).
H. F. Stoneham, J. L. Tetley, J. E. Henson and A. M. Holland (skip).

P.R.C.

W. Craig, W. Campbell, J. Fender and W. Mair (skip).
L. Glendinning, J. Forrest, G. Perkins and F. E. E. Booker (skip).
T. Nolan, J. McLeod, W. Dall, and A. E. Post (skip).

H.K.F.C.

R. P. Shaw, G. E. Stephen, E. Tuck and A. Hyde Lay (skip).
J. Russell, E. S. Carter, N. J. Bebbington and A. Macfarlane (skip).
J. S. Howell, G. Duncan, F. H. W. Haynes and J. Rodger (skip).

K.D.R.C.

A. Pearson, A. Calman, R. Morrison and J. McKelvie (skip).
G. Mitchell, J. Revie, J. Kempton and J. Fraser (skip).
V. Ramsay, M. Ferguson, J. Ozorio and F. Cullen (skip).

C.C.C.

A. A. Razack, M. A. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (skip).
A. S. Gomes, L. C. R. Souza, A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar (skip).
J. S. Landolt, V. N. Atienza, C. S. Rosselet and R. Basa (skip).

C.S.C.C.

P. E. Knight, J. Gellatley, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge (skip).
J. Pengellev, L. A. Collyer, H. E. Strange and J. Deakin (skip).
E. W. Simmonds, R. P. Phillips, C. Strange and A. W. Grimmitt (skip).

K.C.C.

H. Overy, R. V. French, E. C. Fincher and A. E. Silkstone (skip).
G. Lee, T. Madar, R. Craig and F. Goodwin (skip).
W. Mulcahy, J. M. Brown, E. Kern and J. M. Jack (skip).

Recreio

J. A. Luz, F. X. Soares, C. F. Remedios and R. F. Luz (skip).
J. M. Noronha, C. E. Marques, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (skip).
L. J. Silva, L. F. Xavier, C. G. Silva and H. A. Alves (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

The following are the Second Division Lawn Bowls teams for to-morrow:—

K.B.G.C.

H. L. Lockhart, A. E. Jeffries, A. K. Taylor and W. S. Drake (skip).
E. V. Searle, K. C. Hamilton, F. Morley and J. G. Meyer (skip).
P. T. Barby, S. M. White, D. W. Waterton and L. Guy (skip).

H.K.F.C.

F. P. Anslow, A. W. Hayward, A. Webster and A. Brooksbank (skip).
H. G. Wallington, E. L. Strange, D. W. Phillips and C. B. Robertson (skip).
D. Fitches, E. H. Glover, P. Morgan and F. H. W. Haynes (skip).

I.R.C.

J. Hoosen, A. Baker, A. K. Minu and A. R. Minu (skip).
S. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Wahab, A. O. Madar and A. R. Dallas (skip).
A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, M. R. Abbas and M. Y. Adel (skip).

Taikoo D.R.C.

C. H. Summers, J. Fleming, R. Wright and J. Watson (skip).
W. Melrose, T. Hillon, J. Whyte and J. C. Chalmers (skip).
W. Brown, W. Weir, J. C. Polson and T. F. Stainton (skip).

C.C.C.

N. P. Karanjia, J. A. Coelho, M. J. Medina and W. K. Way (skip).
J. B. Soares, E. McNay, K. M. Omar and W. Ward (skip).
J. W. Leonard, H. W. Randall, B. W. Whitman and H. V. Pearse (skip).

K.C.C.

A. A. Dand, C. J. Tacchi, A. J. Kew, and L. Jack (skip).
F. E. Nash, J. S. Dinnen, J. Smith and H. Nish (skip).
J. Camming, A. Nissim, W. W. Hirst and V. G. Labrum (skip).

P.H.C.

N. B. Fraser, S. Farlow, J. McWalter and A. E. Carey (skip).
J. Souter, F. H. Kelly, T. Tallon and W. Glendinning (skip).
T. Daly, J. Jessop, A. J. Johnson and J. S. Riddell (skip).

Recreio

F. A. Machado, C. M. P. Remedios, C. A. Lopes and J. J. Basto (skip).
D. C. Alva, A. P. Guterres, J. V. Ribeiro and G. H. Basto (skip).
F. A. Xavier, C. M. Silva, P. A.

£30,000 OFFER TO BRADDOCK

For Contest With

Joe Louis

Pittsburgh, April 15.

James Braddock, world heavy-weight boxing champion, says that he has received an offer of £30,000 to meet Joe Louis, the negro heavy-weight contender, here some time in the summer.

It is understood that if the fight comes off it will take place either in the University of Pittsburgh Stadium or at Forbes Field, the home ground of the Pittsburgh baseball team.

Yvanovich and A. A. Remedios (skip).

Taikoo D.R.C.

W. Brown, D. McColgan, J. A. Watson and T. F. Stainton (skip).
W. Cunningham, J. Fleming, J. C. Polson and J. C. Chalmers (skip).
W. Melrose, R. Wright, J. J. Whyte and R. M. Keown (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

The following are the Third Division Lawn Bowls teams for to-morrow:—

C.S.C.C.

E. Kirman, B. Williams, L. R. Whant and H. F. Westlake (skip).
J. Purvis, C. Champelovier, J. Cook and W. Cullip (skip).
J. Warr, J. Carr, S. Hillier and M. N. Rakusen (skip).

Kowloon Tong

J. N. Wong, Dr. Asger, C. J. Roe and W. C. Simpson (skip).
H. Gittins, T. K. Lim, A. Spary and S. J. Houghton (skip).
H. Y. Hsu, W. S. Smith, W. J. Howard and A. H. Basto (skip).

Yacht Club

G. S. Archbutt, D. Drummond, A. Stevenson and B. E. Maughan (skip).
R. H. Wild, D. J. Fraser, E. S. Abraham and C. G. E. Costello (skip).
A. Murdoch, H. F. H. King, A. W. Brown and K. S. Robertson (skip).

H.K.F.C.

E. Casey, J. Wells, R. A. Trengrove and J. H. Gelling (skip).
B. A. Mansell, J. Baines, V. Walker and J. S. Beach (skip).
W. Kershaw, J. Dobson, Dr. G. I. Shaw and E. J. Edwards (skip).

Recreio

C. C. Pereira, J. Figueiredo, M. A. Carvalho and H. A. de B. Botelho (skip).
A. F. Noronha, C. P. Remedios, A. V. Gosano and C. Roza Pereira (skip).
A. M. Xavier, E. Leitao, C. E. Xavier and J. M. S. Rosario (skip).

C.C.C.

D. Rozario, W. H. Atkins, W. Phelps and W. J. Bagley (skip).
G. Payne, G. Ladd, Y. Abbas and E. Zimmern (skip).
W. J. Penny, S. Kerrison, J. Pau and A. E. Alves (skip).

RIFLES SOCCER TEAM ARRIVE IN MANILA

THEIR PROGRAMME

Manila, Yesterday.

Local soccer fans turned out in full force this afternoon to welcome the Royal Ulster Rifles' team which arrived here to-day from Hong Kong by the President Lincoln.

The team comprises 15 players and a trainer, and is headed by Capt. J. B. Jeffreys.

The Rifles are playing two series of four matches each in Manila, opening to-morrow against the University of Santo Tomas. Their other matches in the first schedule are as follow:—

Versus Letran College on May 16;
Versus Yco Athletic Club on May 18;
Versus La Salle College on May 20.
The second series will commence on May 23 against a Manila selection. On May 25 they will play the second best team in the first series, on May 27 the best team in the first series, and on May 30 a Manila selection.

An extra game may be played on June 1, but this will largely depend on the weather.—Reuter.

300 YACHTS IN BIG REGATTA

THE WEST COUNTRY'S HOLIDAY PLANS

TEN TRAINS A DAY FROM LONDON

Torquay, April 20.

THE West Country is expecting the Coronation season to give a welcome impetus to the growing movement for earlier holidays. Torbay, in particular, is preparing a programme of special attractions for visitors after the celebrations in London.

The most important event of the early summer season will be the international yachting regatta, which opens on June 19. Between 300 and 400 yachts, British and foreign, are expected to enter. The regatta will be the biggest of its kind held in Britain.

June also sees the opening of the summer programme at the ballroom in Torquay's Marine Spa, where the spacious sun lounge has been extended. The bathing beaches have already been open for three weeks.

Paignton is also pressing forward improvements for the early season. A new lighting system along the front will be completed next month, and £9,000 is being spent on a new recreation ground, to include 10 tennis courts.

SUNSHINE MONTH

Sunshine statistics support the western resorts' claim that, for those who are free to choose, June is a better holiday month than August. On an average June has 36 more hours' sunshine than August.

The hundreds of hotels along the Torbay coast—Torquay alone has 600—are open all the year round. Prices are appreciably cheaper in



the early summer, and guests can then have their pick of the best rooms.

Few resorts are better served by rail. There are 10 "down" trains and seven "up" trains every weekday between Paddington and Torquay and Paignton, a journey of about 3½ hours.

Services will be duplicated in the early summer, and an additional Saturday express will run from Paddington after Whitsun.

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TWO-DAY CORONATION RACE MEETING

TO-MORROW'S RACING SHOULD BE GOOD

MR. DEITZ INJURES HIS WRIST

BEAR CLAW AN ABSENTEE

(By "RAPIER")

THE Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, which starts to-morrow and which will be continued on Monday, could very aptly be regarded as the race meeting to commemorate the Coronation of Their Majesties the King and Queen. Real holiday spirit should accordingly pre-weather, there is no reason why racing fans should vail over the two days of racing, and given fine not gather in full force to enjoy the Sport of King's.

THERE ARE ALTOGETHER 19 EVENTS, NINE ON THE FIRST DAY AND 10 NEXT MONDAY, AND, WITH SATISFACTORY ENTRIES, THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING IS WELL ASSURED. WEIGHTS HAVE AGAIN BEEN JUDICIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED, AND THIS FACTOR ALONE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO KEEN RACING WITH EXCITING FINISHES.

The dry weather of the past few days has rendered the grass track hard, in which event fast times should be recorded for most of the events. It is reported that Mr. Deitz will not be riding to-morrow, as he apparently injured his wrist whilst in Shanghai.

MAY-HANDICAP—1½ MILES

In the absence of Bear Claw, which has not been entered, this race for "A" Class China ponies should witness a sterling struggle between Happy Eve and King's Warden. It will be recalled that on the last occasion when these two ponies clashed, which was over a mile, Happy Eve came in second to Bear Claw, and King's Warden was third. The latter pony then had to concede 9 lbs. in weight, whereas for to-morrow there is no difference and both will be at weight as per scale.

In view, however, of the fact that the distance is a quarter of a mile longer, and having regard to King's Warden's undoubted stamina, I am going to nominate it to win, but it must also be admitted that Happy Eve is capable of winning, evidence of which was supplied in its easy victory in the Hong Kong Derby. Whatever the result, the race should be a fast one, and the result should provide a thrilling struggle. I expected to see Gladiator come in third, as Soldier of Britain has not the stamina to maintain a fast pace over such a long distance.

CUSTOMS HANDICAP: (FIRST SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS.

This race for "C" Class China ponies provides an interesting problem for punters to solve. There are quite a number of ponies capable of winning, there being Amberley (Mr. Y. T. Fung), Boolat Bay (Mr. D. Black) and Vira (Mr. S. C. Liang). I name these ponies simply because they each had a win at previous meetings over the same distance, but for to-morrow it is a question of weights.

Amberley has to carry 2 lbs. more, Boolat Bay 7 lbs. and Vira 10 lbs. The last named appeals to me most, and I think it will win again, in spite of its heavy burden of 166 lbs. For an outsider, I suggest King's Bounty. The pony is

fit and, given a good jockey, it may spring a surprise.

CORONATION HANDICAP—1½ MILES

By virtue of its previous performances, it would appear that Strathroy (Mr. D. Black) should have no difficulty in winning again, but it has to be remembered that the other entries are receiving substantial concessions from Strathroy in weights. Able Amazon (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), secures the benefit of 24 lbs., and this is indeed hard to believe when it is realised that this pony was the champion for the past two years.

This year's Derby winner, Gypsy Love (Mr. S. C. Liang), is penalised 23 lbs. less, Holiday Eve (Mr. S. L. Yuen) 33 lbs. and Lancashire Chips (Mr. B. A. Proulx) 21 lbs. Strathroy, therefore, will have to go all out in order to maintain its sequence of wins. It has never really been fully extended, but it will undoubtedly be strongly challenged to-morrow.

In spite of the difference in weights, I still believe that Strathroy is too good for the others, and it should win again, even by a small margin. Able Amazon will probably fill second place, with Gypsy Love third.

LEAD MINE HANDICAP: ABOUT FIVE FURLONGS

In this race for "B" Class China ponies, it will be one of the most difficult problems to spot the winner. In view of its previous win in the St. George's Plate, Havoc Eve will no doubt command the most support, but with other faster sprinters among the entries, such as King's Justice and Potentate, it will probably find the pace a little too fast.

Havoc Eve can also move fairly fast, however, and I think it will give either King's Justice or Potentate a good fight. The finish should be fought out between those three ponies, with Harvest View a possi-



ble outsider. Rose-Queen is not fast enough over such a short distance, and for this reason alone I recommend leaving it alone.

STONECUTTERS PLATE: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

The first leg of the Daily Double will be decided on this race, which will be confined to Novice Jockeys, and, as in the Fourth Extra Race Meeting, they will be called upon to ride non-winning subscription griffins of this season.

At the previous occasion the distance was only one mile, whereas to-morrow it is much longer. After coming in second to Tabby Cat at the last meeting, National Anthem (Mr. R. M. Wood), should certainly find not much opposition from the other entries. Mr. Poy should fill second position on Declasse, and I think that Persian Cat (Mr. Choy Wing-chiu) will be the other placed pony.

SHATIN HANDICAP:

FIRST SECTION: ONE MILE

Flybnight has been given the post of honour with 168 lbs. to carry, followed by Laughing Girl and Plain View, (Mr. P. P. Botelho), each with 165 lbs. As a result of its previous disappointing run, when it was badly beaten in a sprint event, I expect that Gold Coin will not be heavily backed.

Nevertheless, I still believe that Gold Coin is capable of winning, and if it should fail again then look out for Valorous (Mr. D. Black). Plain View is not bad, at least for a place, and I think that Diogenes may possibly have something to say in this race.

WARWICK FARM HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the Daily Double, and although it would appear that the winner could be narrowed down to only a few of the entries, I doubt whether picking the ultimate winner is easy after all.

Home Brew (Mr. B. A. Proulx) has to carry 165 lbs., which should not handicap its chances at all, but there is Aztec to be considered.

It will be ridden by Mr. Paul Botelho, and I think it will give Home Brew a good run. Strathcarrick has been entered on several previous occasions, but it has not yet made an appearance in any official race. It is remarkably fit at the moment, and its recent morning gallops have been very convincing.

Judging on past performances, however, I look to Home Brew to pass the winning post first, leaving Aztec and Strathcarrick (Mr. D. Black) to fight it out for second position.

CUSTOMS HANDICAP:

SECOND SECTION: SIX FURLONGS

Rose Evelyn and Wild Cat, (Mr. P. P. Botelho) two subscription griffins of the previous year, have been allotted top weights, with 165 lbs. each, followed by Gordito (Mr. S. C. Liang), a subscription griffin of this season, with only one lb. less. These three ponies have to concede a few pounds to Commencement Bay and other griffins. It only goes to show that the Official handicapper has a high opin-

ion of these subs., but I doubt whether they are good enough to win over such a short distance, with the possible exception of Wild Cat, if it is properly handled. Commencement Bay will find the distance far too short, but the real danger should come from Sylvandale (Mr. L. P. Ralph) and Ythan. Sylvandale is a fast mover, and as Ythan has come down in weight, I think that it has a good chance of scoring a win.

SHATIN HANDICAP: (SECOND SECTION) ONE MILE

This race will wind up the meeting, and the result should provide an interesting finish. I fail to see how Mountain View, with no win to its credit for some time past, can be penalised with such a heavy burden as 168 lbs. Racing Boy is also at top weight. I think this race will be won by a pony with the lowest impost, and with this in view I recommend looking out for Shipmaster (Mr. D. Black) — as it ran very well at a previous meeting, and paid a useful dividend, coming in third. Racing Boy (Mr. S. C. Liang) and Pagan Love (Mr. H. C. Pih) are my selections for the other positions.

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London, April 16.

The Jockey Club's attitude to pony racing was defined by Sir Humphrey de Trafford at the annual financial meeting of the Jockey Club held at Newmarket this week.

He was replying to a question by Mr. Egerton, who had asked if the attention of the stewards had been drawn to the announcement of a new pony racing track near Manchester, and if it was not a fact that the stewards of the Jockey Club had only agreed to a maximum of 82 days under Pony Turf Club rules.

Sir Humphrey de Trafford said that on October 28 last he had announced to the Club the terms which the stewards had offered to the Pony Turf Club if it was to maintain the position which had been accorded to it by the Jockey Club under Rule 178 (a) and (b) of the Rules of Racing.

THE TERMS

Those were:

- (1) That no pony exceeding 15 hands should run under Pony Turf Club Rules.
- (2) That no two-year-old should be eligible to run before Aug. 1, and that the height of two-year-olds should be limited to 14.3. That the Jockey Club should have the right to appoint their own measurer.
- (3) That the total number of days' racing under Pony Turf Club Rules in any year should not exceed 82.
- (4) That no club or company owned ponies should run.

Those terms were accepted by the Pony Turf Club for the current year. The stewards had appointed Major K. Robertson as the Jockey Club measurer for the year. Subsequent to the Houghton meeting of last year further correspondence had taken place between the stewards and the stewards of the Pony Turf Club.

NO ROOM FOR MISUNDERSTANDING

During the course of that correspondence, both in November and again in December, it had been made perfectly plain that 82 days' racing in any one year was the maximum figure to which the Jockey Club had agreed. The stewards of the Pony Turf Club were therefore fully aware of their position in that matter and there was no room for misunderstanding.

The proposed Pony Racing track near Manchester is at Worsley

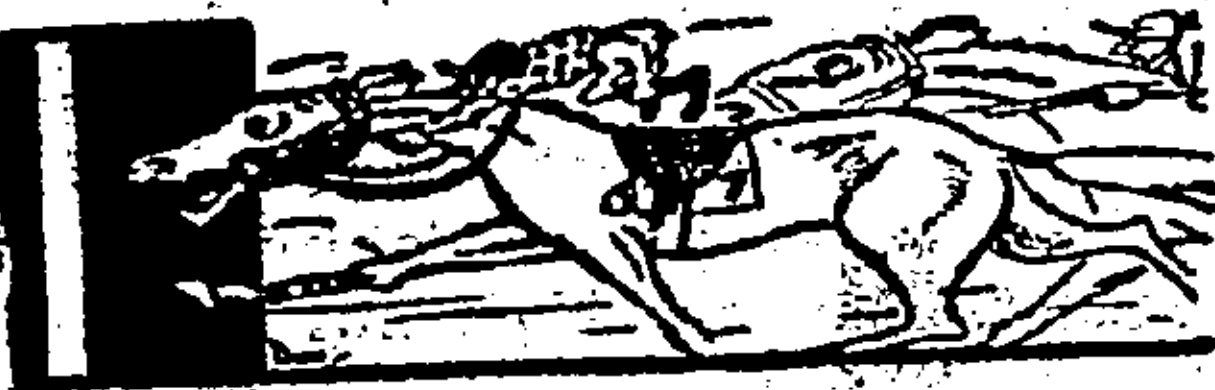
AMERICAN & S. AFRICAN OFFERS TO FARR

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London, April 19.

Tommy Farr, the British and Empire heavy-weight champion, has received further offers to fight in South Africa and America, and London promoters are also suggesting fresh fights for the Welshman. "Tommy will not go to America to fight Max Schmeling or Bob Pastor under £10,000," said Mr. Broadbent, Farr's manager. "After all, if either of these men were to come to England they would want the same purse."

"Tommy is not afraid of any heavy-weight. He will travel to Timbuctoo if the purse is good enough! Regarding an offer for a Ben Foord-Farr fight in Johannesburg, we will go there if they can give us suitable terms."



Park, and it is intended to spend £100,000 on it. Covered accommodation is to be provided for 12,000 people, and a totalisator of the latest type installed.

LICENCE GRANTED

The stewards of the Pony Turf Club have agreed to grant a licence. Management and direction will be in the hands of the Northolt Park executive.

Pony racing at present takes place at Northolt Park, Portsmouth and Chelmsford. This year 57 days racing has been allotted to Northolt Park, 10 days to Portsmouth, and eight days to Chelmsford. As at present agreed, this would leave a total of only seven days' racing for the proposed new Manchester track.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Holiday Pairings
For Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling Sunday next:—
SUNDAY, 16TH MAY, 1937

OLD COURSE

9.20 a.m. J. H. McElney, G. C. Worrall.
9.24 " J. D. Haynes, D. A. O'Kieffe.
9.28 " H. M. Alexander, A. A. Bremner.
9.32 " N. K. Littlejohn, Capt. Michell.

WHITMONDAY, 17TH MAY, 1937

OLD COURSE

9.20 a.m. R. Young, G. C. Worrall.
9.24 " E. T. McMullen, J. H. M. Andrew.

GIANTS PITCHER SETS RECORD

YANKEES FIND
WINNING FORM

U.S. BASEBALL

New York, To-day.

Yesterday was a red-letter day in the National Baseball League for the New York Giants, when Carl Hubbell, their super pitcher, broke all known pitching records by winning 21 successive League games in a two-year period.

The Tigers were in a slashing mood in the American League, and blanked the White Sox, thanks to the fine pitching of Gill.

Yesterday's results as cabled by Reuter, were:—

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	2	6	1
Vaughan hit two homers.			
New York	5	13	0
Bartell hit a homer, Carl Hubbell broke pitching record.			

Cincinnati	4	8	2
Brooklyn	6	8	1

Chicago	8	10	1
Boston	6	13	3

(12 innings were played).

St. Louis	5	7	2
Philadelphia	4	8	4

J. Moore hit a homer.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	4	12	0
St. Louis	2	8	1

Vosmik hit a homer.

Washington	10	14	2
Hill hit a homer.			
Chicago	2	8	2

Boston	0	5	2
Gill pitched.			
Detroit	4	5	0

—Reuter.

OLYMPIAD OF 1940

Committee Meeting
In Warsaw

Warsaw, To-day.

Problems of the Olympic Games of 1940 are the subject of discussion by the International Olympic Committee, which is meeting here from May 6 to June 11.

Japan, who is acting as host in 1940, demands that the programme be shortened and that polo, fencing and the modern pentathlon be eliminated.

The committee is now considering the request.

As possible dates for the Tokyo Olympics, Japan has proposed three periods, between August 1 and 16, September 1 and 16 and September 20 and October 6.

Various questions pertaining to amateur status are also being discussed.—Trans-Ocean.

SWEDEN LEAD IN DAVIS CUP

Win Doubles Against
Greece

Stockholm, To-day.

Sweden is leading by 2 matches to 1 in her Davis Cup tie with Greece.

Yesterday Schroeder and Astberg (Sweden) beat Grielsstadios and Nicolaidis by 6-2, 6-2, 3-6 and 8-6.

Both countries won one of the Singles matches played on Wednesday.—Trans-Ocean.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at **HAPPY VALLEY** on **SATURDAY, 15th** and **MONDAY, 17th May, 1937**, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and at 12 o'clock Noon respectively.

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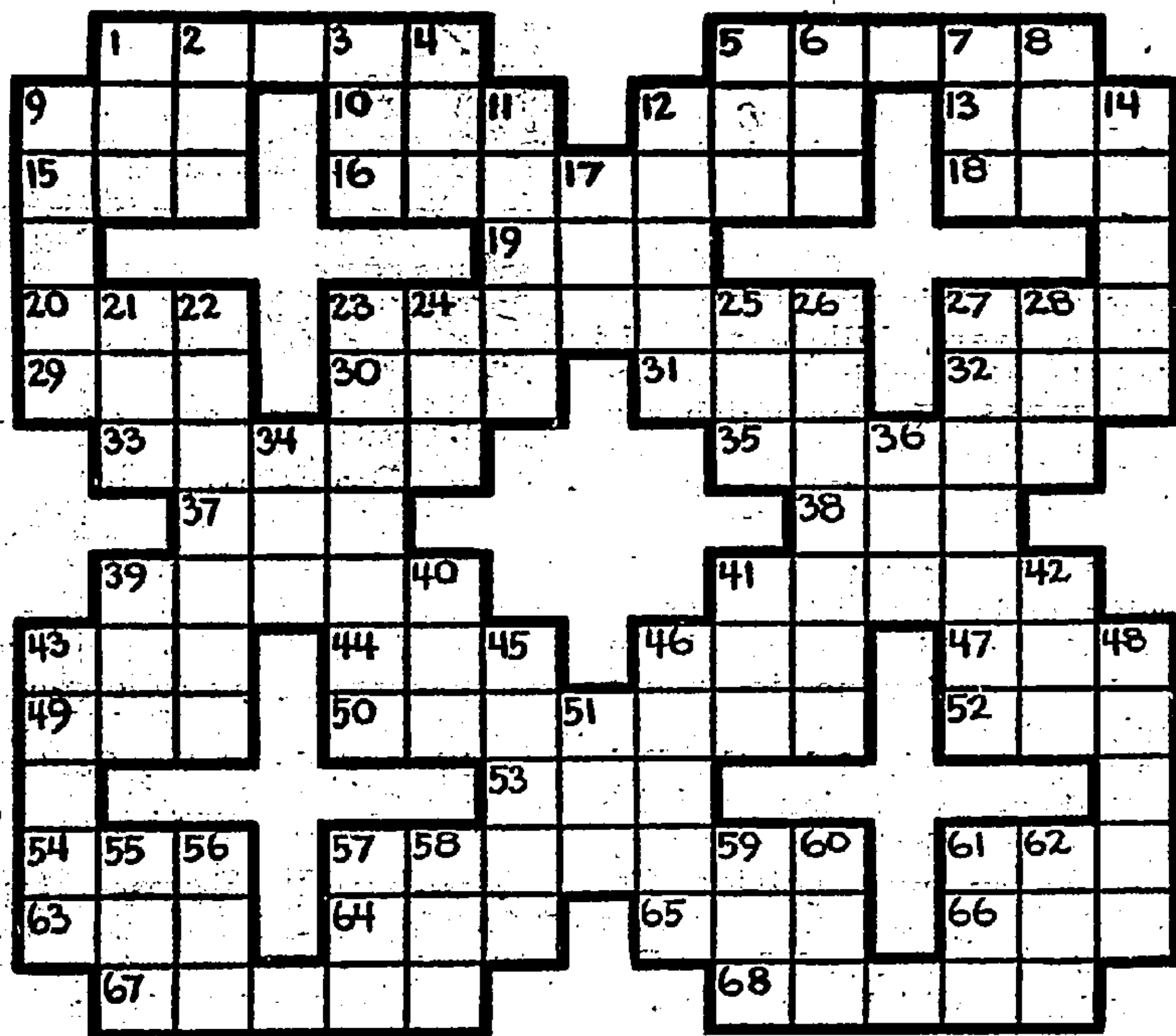
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Brave
- 5-Part of a flower
- 8-Seed covering
- 10-High mountain
- 12-Addition
- 13-Auto fuel
- 15-Augment
- 16-Attics
- 18-Combining form.
- 19-Outside
- 19-Part of the head
- 20-Writing fluid
- 23-Reclining
- 27-Interdict
- 29-Japanese coin
- 30-Superlative suffix
- 31-Likewise not
- 32-Cover
- 33-Examinee
- 35-More docile
- 37-Swiss river
- 38-Half a score
- 38-Increased
- 41-Goes
- 43-A falsehood
- 44-Direct
- 46-Distant
- 47-Ever (contr.)
- 49-Old times (Post.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 50-Tormentors
- 52-Deacon (abbr.)
- 53-A beverage
- 54-Mineral spring
- 57-Respire
- 61-Consumed
- 62-A color
- 64-Help
- 65-A title
- 66-A length measure
- 67-Tempest
- 68-Plural of penny

VERTICAL

- 1-Bow the head
- 2-Uneven
- 3-Loiter
- 4-Note in Guido's scale
- 5-Place
- 6-A type measure (pl.)
- 7-Grow old
- 8-Milk (Lat.)
- 9-City in France
- 11-Ironed
- 12-A greenish finch
- 14-Be upright

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-A rodent
- 21-Lace fabric
- 22-Worked dough
- 23-Withdraw from action
- 24-A letter
- 25-Used in negation
- 26-Devices for grating
- 27-Mixed
- 28-Atmosphere
- 34-Morose
- 36-Male adults
- 39-Stick
- 40-Expire
- 41-Conflict
- 42-Look
- 43-Smallest
- 45-Coupled
- 46-Acts
- 48-Graded
- 51-Ocean
- 55-A dance
- 56-Insect
- 57-Hinder
- 58-Edge
- 59-Part of the body
- 60-Before
- 61-Part of a circle
- 62-Digit

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

SWAPS

SWAP HEREIN NOT HEREAFTER
WILL SELL or SWAP

- 1 Small Scotch Organ.
- 2 R.C.A. Radio Gramophone.
- 3 Blackwood Tray & Stand.
- 4 Pair Blue Ginger Jars.
- 5 Blackwood Writing Table.
- 6 Nest Blackwood Teapots.
- 7 Blackwood China Cabinet.
- 8 Blackwood Arm Chair.
- 9 Blackwood Centre Table.
- 10 Writing Desk & Bookcase.
- 11 Presentation Scrolls.
- 12 21 pieces China Tea Set.
- 13 Various Small Vases.
- 14 Two Chesterfield Chairs.
- 15 Chesterfield & One Chair.
- 16 Teakwood Sideboard.
- 17 Table Model Gramophone.
- 18 Gateleg Dining Table.
- 19 Small Teak Writing Desk.
- 20 Standard Ice Chest.
- 21 12 Dessert Forks.
- 22 12 Dessert Spoons.
- 23 New World Gas Cooker.
- 24 Teakwood Rocker Chair.
- 25 Pair Teak Fernstands.
- 26 Small Chest Drawers.
- 27 Small Child's Dresser.
- 28 Large Cut Glass Dish.
- 29 Cut Glass Fruit Dish.
- 30 E.P.N.S. Pepper & Salt.
- 31 Pair Glass Candlesticks.
- 32 Small Medicine Chest.
- 33 Small Wall Mirror.
- 34 Electric Table Fan.
- 35 Multiple Coil Battery.
- 36 Brown Loud Speaker.
- 37 Sifam Milliamperes.
- 38 Accumulator Battery GMT.
- 39 Quantity Old Gram. Records.
- 40 Glass Door Cabinet.
- 41 Set Fruit Knives & Forks.
- 42 Ching Lung Water Plate.
- 43 Pair Old China Vases.
- 44 Quantity Old English China.
- 45 Large Chest of Drawers.
- 46 Ladies' Dressing Table.
- 47 Large Roll-top Desk.
- 48 Large Office Desk.
- 49 Pair Coloured Wall Plates.
- 50 Agfa Movie Camera 16mm.
- 51 Small Cabinet Victrola.
- 52 Old Rex Typewriter 16".
- 53 Chubb Safe on Stand.
- 54 Small Iron Safe 12".
- 55 Electric Hair Drier.
- 56 Collection of Old Coins.
- 57 Johnson's Sea Horse 16HP.
- 58 Streamlined Speed Boat.

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Old Gramophone Records.
Chesterfield & Chairs.
Small Outboard Motor.
Movie Camera 8mm.
Good Movie Projector.
Small Cabin Trunks.
Good Motor Cycle.
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Bilbao Situation Becoming Desperate

Paris, To-day.

The insurgent artillery yesterday shelled for practically the whole day the "iron belt" loyalist positions round Bilbao.

The artillery bombardment, combined with bombing from the air, is reported to have effected large breaches in the third and most formidable line of fortifications.

The insurgent planes were able to carry out their raids with impunity, the loyalists apparently not even possessing anti-aircraft guns.

The fighting of the last few days on the Sollube Mountains continued yesterday, and the rebels claim that a Basque column has been annihilated.

In view of the gravity of the situation, the Basque Government is believed to have requested reinforcements from Gijon and Santander.—Trans-Ocean.

ALBERT HALL FUNCTION

Costume Ball For
National Theatre

London, To-day.

The Coronation Costume Ball, held in the Albert Hall last night for the fund to build a National Theatre, was a brilliant spectacle.

The function was attended by royalties, including the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and Princess Juliana and her consort, Prince Bernhard, as well as representatives of the Dominions and Colonies and society and stage notabilities.—Reuter.

INFORMAL TALKS

Statesmen Meet
Statesmen

London, To-day.

Both the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary yesterday saw numbers of distinguished foreigners in London for the Coronation.

Among the statesmen who were received, either at No. 10, Downing Street, or the Foreign Office or both, were Mr. Gerard, Marshal von Blomberg, Monsieur Hodza, of Czechoslovakia, Monsieur Kanya of Hungary, and Nahas Pasha and Ghali Pasha, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Egypt. — British Wireless.

Rapture Leads To Cold Douche

His attention waned in the illuminations, Yee Choi, of No. 190, Johnson Road, found himself in the harbour off Gloucester Road. He had walked gracefully off the road.

He was taken to the G. C. H. suffering from the effects of immersion and shock.

Wan Fun was admitted to the G. C. H. suffering from an injury to his right arm received when he was knocked down by a bus in Smithfield.

HUNGER STRIKE IN PALESTINE

Thought There Would
Be An Amnesty

Jerusalem, To-day.

A hunger strike has been started by 150 Arab prisoners "because no amnesty was granted on the occasion of the Coronation."

A Bill providing for transformation of the "Iron Shirts" organisation into national militia was introduced in the Lebanon Diet yesterday.

This reserve army, numbering 25,000 men, would be composed of infantry and mechanised units.

Service would be for five years, during which period the men would be forbidden all political activity.—Trans-Ocean.

TERRITORIAL PROPAGANDA'S SUCCESS

London, To-day.

The month of March established a record for recruiting since the territorial Army was reconstituted after the war. April has beaten even this record, 6,847 further recruits having joined. — British Wireless.

PARIS NEWSPAPER CHANGES

Political Party
Purchases

Paris, To-day.

Changes have taken place in the management and proprietorship of several Paris newspapers.

Following the "Echo de Paris," "Figaro" has changed hands, while "Liberte" is to be purchased by the leader of the French People's Party. Colonel de la Rocque, leader of the "Croix de Feu," has announced his intention of acquiring a newspaper.

"Ami du Peuple" is also likely to be sold in the near future.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN LOAN

Offered For Subscription
Yesterday

Berlin, To-day.

The new 600,000,000 Reichsmark loan was offered for public subscription yesterday in the form of redeemable Treasury bonds bearing 4.5 per cent. interest with a maturity period of fifteen years.

Subscription lists are open till May 29 and payments will be made between June 3 and July 26.

The sum of 10,000,000 reichsmarks has already been subscribed. — Trans-Ocean.

40-HOUR WEEK

Brings Big Reduction
In Unemployment

Paris, To-day.

Fully 103,000 new workers have been employed in French industries since introduction of the 40-hour week, states a report issued by the Ministry of Labour.

Workers now on the 40-hour a week basis number 1,500,000.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE ART SHOW

BERLIN EXHIBITION
OPENED

AMBASSADOR AS
PATRON

Berlin, To-day.

An exhibition of contemporaneous Chinese paintings, arranged by the National Gallery and the Society for East Asiatic Art, was opened here yesterday at the Princess Palace in the presence of the Chinese Ambassador and many members of the Embassy staff.

The paintings on view are the possession of the German Ambassador in Nanking, Dr. Oscar Trautmann.

In his opening speech, Professor Kuemmel, vice-president of the Society, thanked the Chinese Ambassador for having consented to act as patron of the show.

He also pointed out that practically every prominent Chinese was a painter.

The exhibition impresses in vivid fashion on the visitor that Chinese art, more than fifteen centuries old, continues to live in the paintings of the present day. Many of the best-known painters in China are represented in the exhibition.

The collection will remain on view till June.—Trans-Ocean.

H.M.S. HUNTER EXPLOSION SENSATION

(Continued from Page 1)

mine the cause of the explosion.—Reuter.

FIRST REPORTS

London, To-day.

First reports this morning stated that three were killed and 12 wounded in the explosion on the destroyer H.M.S. Hunter which was on patrol for non-intervention purposes off the south coast of Spain.

An official statement by the Admiralty adds that the cause of the explosion, which occurred on the starboard waterline, is at present unknown.

Messages received by the British Embassy in Valencia, however, suggest that the cause of the explosion was outside the ship.

The explosion occurred five miles off Almeria, to which port Hunter has been towed by the Spanish Government destroyer Lazaga.

The destroyers Hardy and Hyperion are proceeding to stand by.—Reuter.

TOWED TO SAFETY

London, Later.

It is revealed that Hunter was towed into Almeria by the Spanish Government battleship Jaime Primo, whose officers showed every kindness to the crew of the British destroyer.

It is asserted the explosion was external but there are no further details.

H.M.S. Hyperion has already arrived on the scene and the Admiral commanding the Third Cruiser Squadron is expected to arrive this morning from Barcelona in the cruiser Arethusa.

H.M.S. HARDY RACING TO SCENE
The flotilla leader H.M.S. Hardy has left at full speed for Almeria from Gibraltar with the object, it is understood, of bringing back the victims of the explosion.—Reuter.

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DEATH OF MR. S. Y. LIANG

Inquest To Be Opened
On Thursday

An inquest concerning the death of Mr. S. Y. Liang, the jockey, who died on April 23 of a fractured rib and lacerated lung following a fall during a race a fortnight previously, will be held at the Central Magistracy on Thursday.

Probably Some Rain

The Royal Observatory reports that a trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China across Formosa to the Loochoos; a depression is situated about 200 miles east of Oshima moving north-east. Forecast:—Light S.W. or variable winds, cloudy; probably some rain.

PROCESSION MISHAP

Chi Chuen Chung, 30, was sent to the G. C. H. after falling from No. 123, Des Voeux Road Central while watching the Coronation procession. Lo Kui, a woman, received injuries when hit on the head by a piece of wood which fell from a verandah in Wing Lok street. She was also sent to the G. C. H.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" leaves Nagasaki on May 16 for Shanghai, Hong Kong and Manila.

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PALE BLUE NIGHTGOWN

MR. DOFFERTY was tall and thin and had big hands and feet. The small boys called him "Lampy," which was an abbreviation of "Lamp-post." He hated the small boys calling him "Lampy," not only because he was sensitive about his shape, but because he hated small boys.

He would rather have taken the top form in a refined girls' school, and would have got on very well there. He could have talked about Swinburne with the girls, and about his foreign travels. "Was there ever really a Dolores, Mr. Dofferty?" "Do the young warriors in Kashmir still go out to battle with roses behind their ears?" He would have been very happy with a top form at a refined girls' school.

But it hadn't worked out that way. He was getting on in years by the time he got his teacher's certificate, and he couldn't pick and choose. He became a pupil teacher at a boys' school in Doomington. They were common boys. In the course of time he became headmaster.

He knew that he deserved better things. He let it be known that he had travelled about the East quite a lot in his young days, and it was true, for he had been the son of a non-commissioned officer out in India. Later he was employed on a tea plantation in Ceylon. When that failed he came to England to take up teaching.

He was very proud of having travelled about the East. His "sanctum," as he called it, was cluttered with eastern curios. There were prayer-wheels and fly-whisks, curtains and cushions, elephants carved in ebony, ash-trays and pen-trays of Benares ware, a Malay kris he used as a paper knife, a soapstone Buddha he used as a paper-weight. It was not very suitable furniture for a headmaster's room in a poor boys' school in Doomington, but it put people in their place. It put him in his place, too. He was a traveller, an empire-builder.

He did not feel so sure of himself when he went out into the playground. He would have preferred to stay in his sanctum, but he had a feeling that the small boys took to talking and laughing about him when they got together. He would stand for a long time quite still behind the windows of one of the class-rooms, and then all of a sudden he was a few inches behind you. For a person with such large feet he moved very quickly and quietly over the gravel.

The school-day came to an end at half-past four. It was bad enough when the boys collected in the play-intervals between lessons, but when the last lesson was over there was absolutely no excuse for them to be hanging about, whispering and pointing with their thumb over their shoulders.

On the day in Mr. Dofferty's history with which this tale is concerned there was an unusually large troop of boys assembled near the woodwork room, at the bottom end of the playground. Mr. Dofferty happened to be at the top end of the playground. He observed that only one of the

boys was talking, a small pale boy named Albert Hewitt. The rest were listening. At least they were listening in the intervals of laughing. The narrative with which Albert Hewitt was regaling them seemed to entertain them mightily, though Albert himself seemed not at all amused. On the contrary, his spotty little face seemed paler than usual, his eyes seemed to stand quite a long way out of his head.

Mr. Dofferty did not like Albert Hewitt; he thought him a soapy, sneaky sort of boy. He had had occasion more than once to take him over into his sanctum and use his cane on him. What was the boy doing, holding forth at this time of day, when well-behaved boys should be making tracks for home, with their heads filled with the night's homework? What and who was there to talk about that was so frightfully funny?

Of course, Mr. Dofferty could swear to it. "Lampy," and once again "Lampy." It was a long way from the bottom end to the top end of the playground, but Mr. Dofferty had extraordinarily acute hearing. "Lampy" again, and a roar of laughter. The boy was talking about his headmaster, he was making jokes about his headmaster. Mr. Dofferty's lips set thin and hard.

Mr. Dofferty made a sort of sideways movement on a segment of a wide circle towards the group of boys. He looked a bit like a huntsman keeping to windward of his quarry. The manoeuvre was successful. He had come up to within a few yards of them, always in the rear of Albert Hewitt, before the boys became aware of him. Then suddenly the boys caught sight of him, all but Albert Hewitt. One moment later they had scuttled away, like a warrenfull of rabbits shocked into a hedge by a footstep. A hand came down heavily on Albert Hewitt's shoulder.

"You were talking about me, I think," said Mr. Dofferty. His voice was quite gentle.

Albert Hewitt's body stiffened under the great hand. He did not dare to turn round. "No, sir."

Mr. Dofferty, I wasn't," said the small boy.

"You were referring to me by another name," pointed out Mr. Dofferty.

"No, sir. Mr. Dofferty, I wasn't," the small boy said again. His voice was hardly more than a whisper.

Mr. Dofferty removed his hand from Albert Hewitt's shoulder. "Perhaps you'll turn round, Albert," he suggested.

Albert turned round. He did not dare to look up into Mr. Dofferty's face, so high and cold and gentle it was. The thin thighs of the headmaster seemed to soar into space like trees. The playground was appallingly empty, but for himself and the soft voice that came down from so high.

"I would like you to look into my face," requested Mr. Dofferty. "Will you?"

The small boy did as he was told.

"What are you staring at me like that for?" barked Mr. Dofferty. "Is there anything wrong with me?" The boy's head sagged suddenly towards his chest.

"Well, Albert!" The headmaster's voice had become gentle as a dove's again. "Are you going to tell me what it was you were saying about me?"

"I wasn't saying nothing," Albert said. His lower lip projected a little. He looked quite sullen.

"Obstinate, eh?" said Mr. Dofferty, quite gaily now. "You know, Albert," he almost wheedled, "it will be a lot better for you if you tell me what you were saying."

"I wasn't saying anything," Albert repeated.

"I see," Mr. Dofferty said shortly. He raised his eyes to roof-level and joined his hands behind his back. He seemed to be communing with himself. Then

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Mr. Dofferty continued "Excellent, Albert. Now I feel quite certain you won't lie to me. You were referring to me by a name which I have forbidden the school to use. Is that not so, Albert?"

"Yes, sir," whispered the small boy. His lips started quivering. He found it as difficult not to lower his eyes from Mr. Dofferty's eyes as it had been difficult a moment ago to raise them.

"Now, now," Mr. Dofferty wagged his finger almost playfully. "Don't make an exhibition of yourself. No harm will come to you, so long as you're a good boy and speak up. What was it you were saying to those boys, Albert? Come, come, Albert, what was it?"

The boy said not a word. He stared up into Mr. Dofferty's eyes, as if he had neither ears nor tongue.

he spoke again. His tone was very matter-of-fact. "If you go on disobeying me, I'll take you into the sanctum and thrash you. Do you hear?"

The boy said nothing.

"Do you hear?" he asked again, more grimly.

"Yes, sir," the boy mumbled.

"Very well, then. Are you going to tell me what you were saying to the boys?"

"No, sir."

"I'll take you into the sanctum and thrash you within an inch of your life. Are you going to tell me?" Again silence. "Are you going to tell me?" He reached his arm down and got his fingers round the boy's arm.

With a quick involuntary gesture the boy wrenched his arm free. "It was only a dream!" he cried. "Let me go home!"

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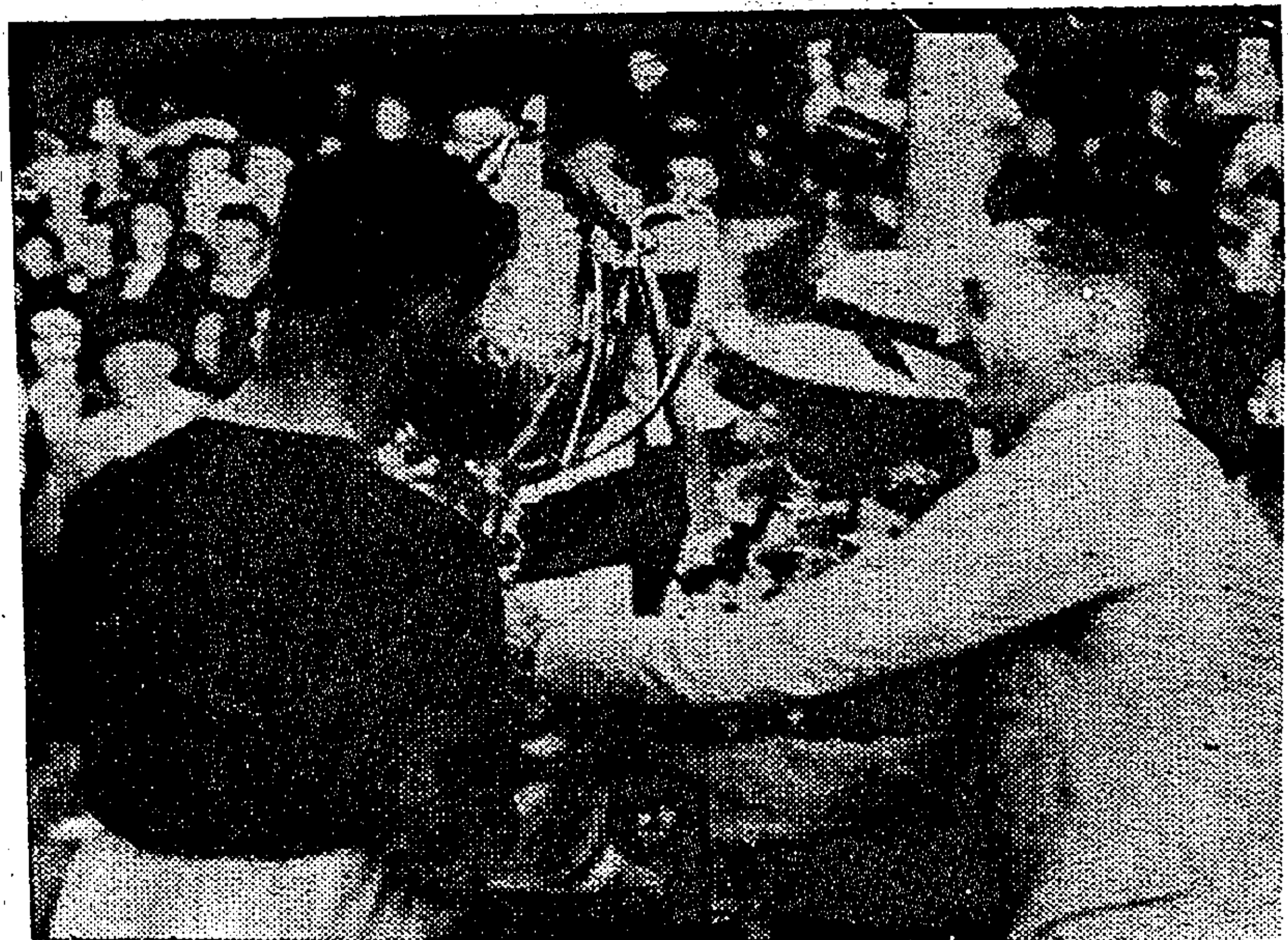
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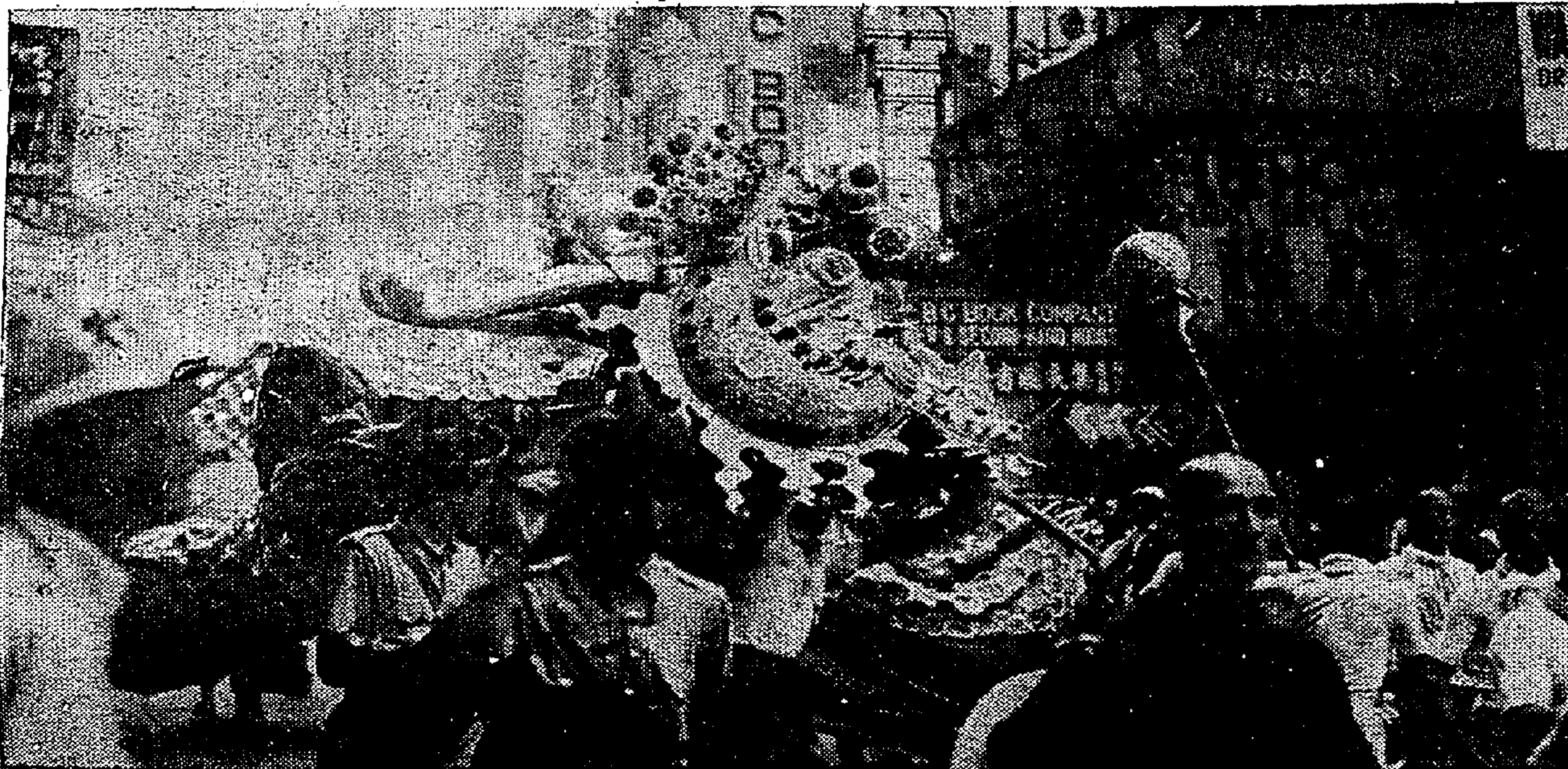
Three pictures taken at the Games Party held last week at St. Andrew's Church Hall, in Kowloon. ("China Mail" photo).



Week-ends are a boon to tired office-workers and housewives and most make a bee-line for the beach. Here are three sun-bathers at Repulse Bay last week-end. ("China Mail" photo).



The Kotewall Cup being presented to Talbot, the Army skipper, after last Sunday's match when the soldiers beat South China by 1 goal to nil. ("China Mail" photo).



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The official guests at the opening of the Haw Par accident station. The station was generously donated by Mr. Aw Boon Har and Mr. Aw Boon Par, seen on left. ("China Mail" photo).



Kiddies have a jolly time on the beach. Here is a happy group at Repulse Bay. ("China Mail" photo).



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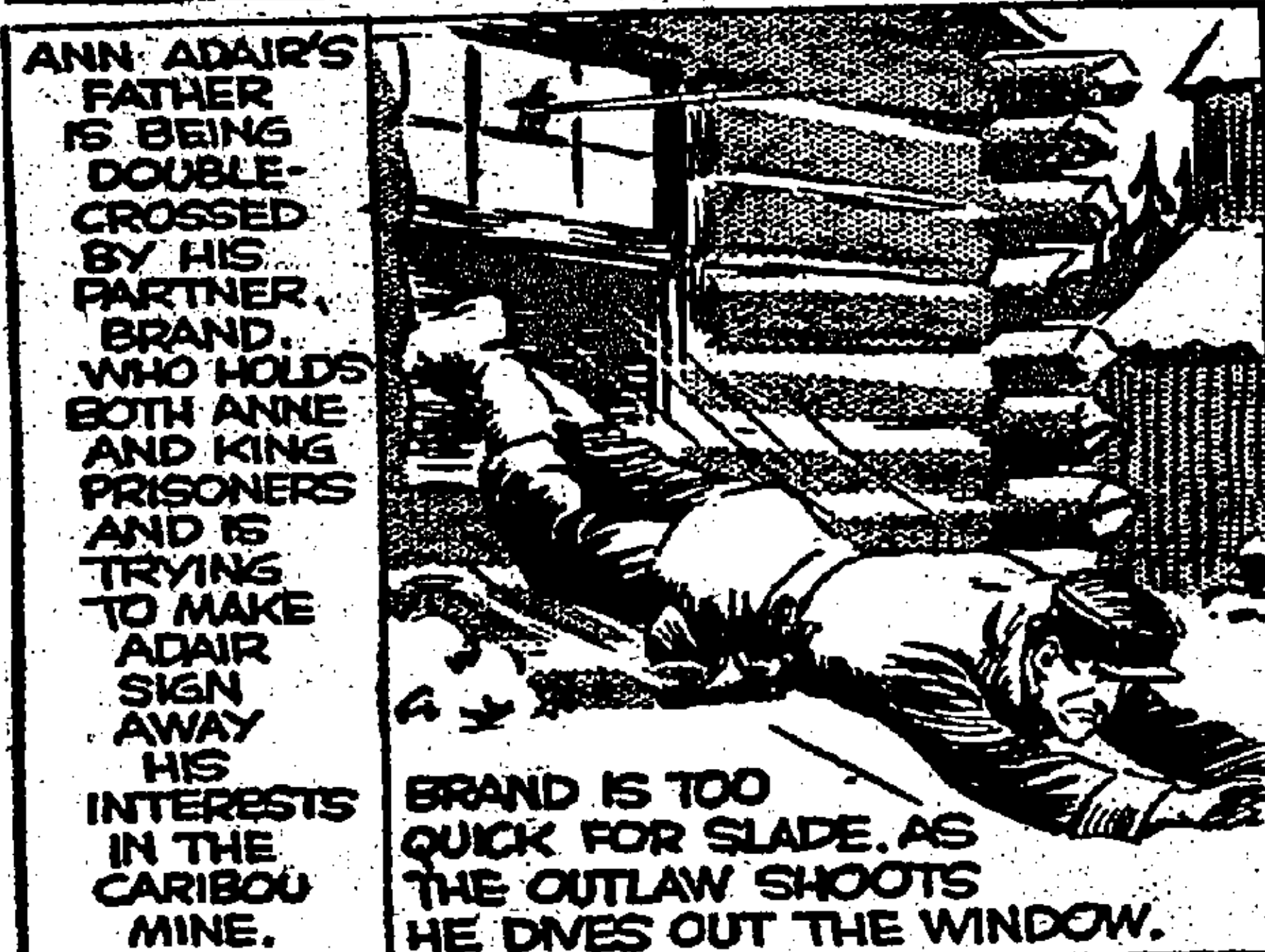
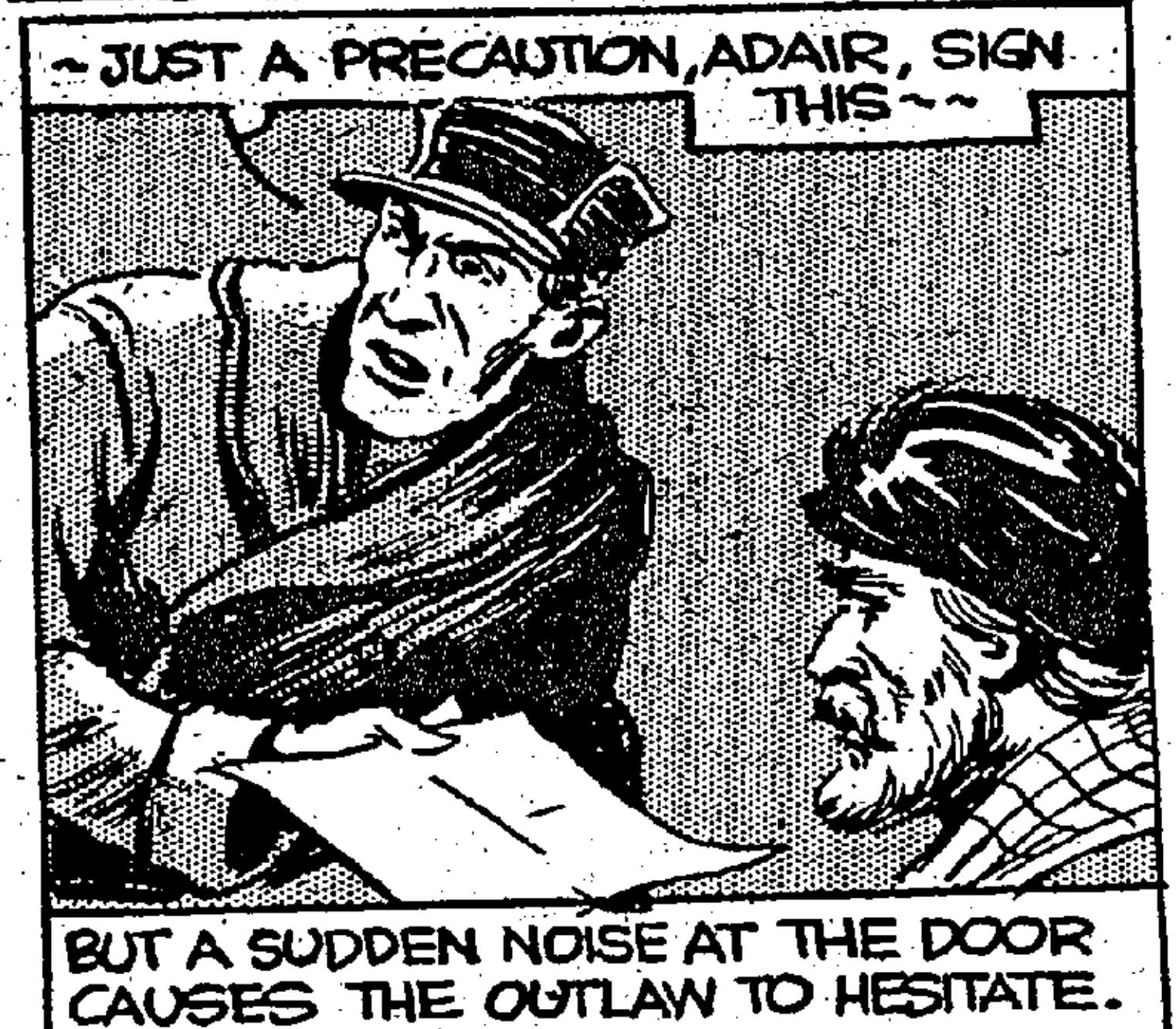
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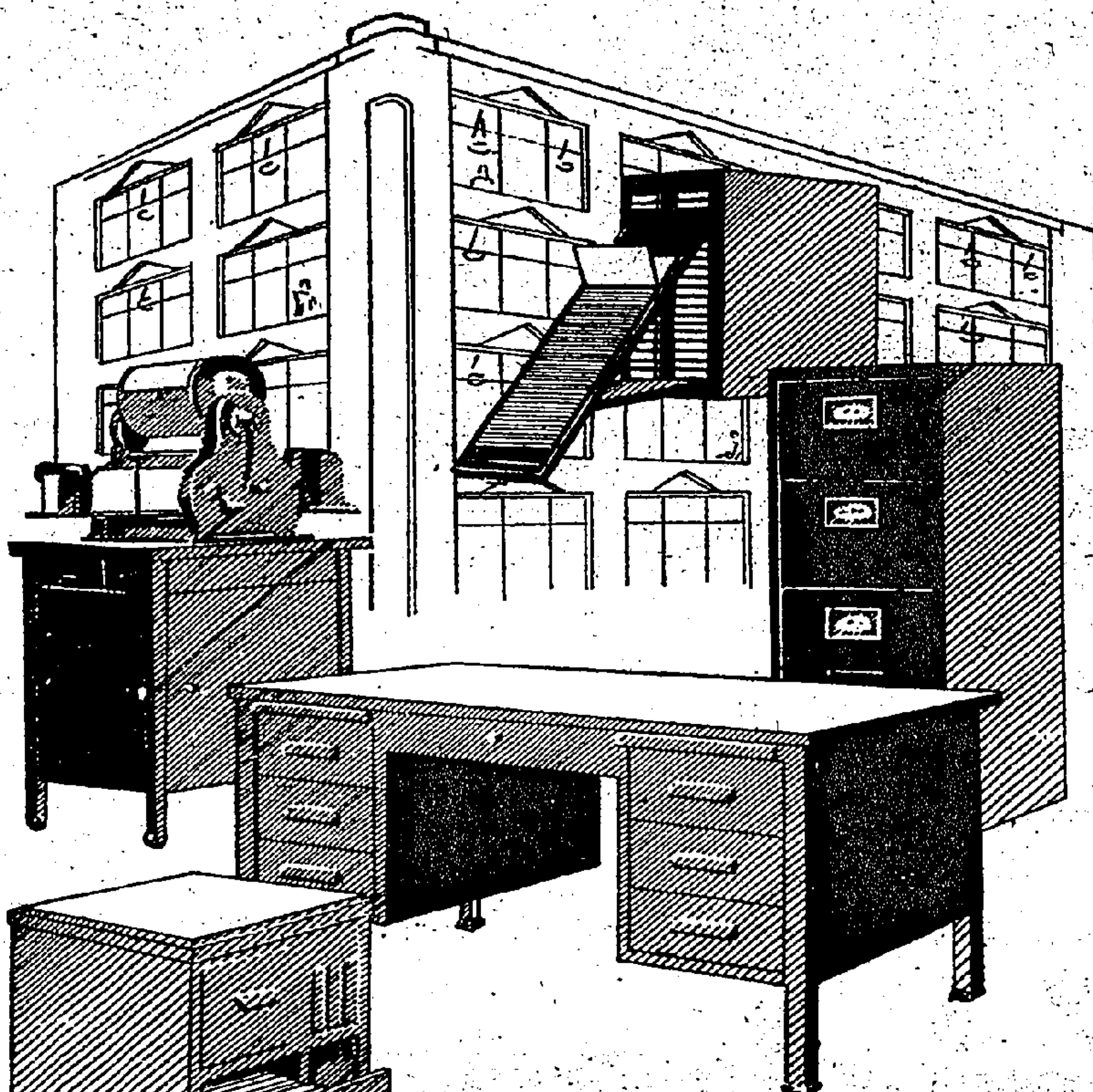


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A group of swimmers taken at Repulse Bay over the week-end.
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THE EMPEROR & THE GLADIATOR

He stood facing the Emperor, whom he saw for the first time at such close quarters.

"Quite a little fellow," thought Bassianus, "as delicately built as my brother Antonius. Poor Antonius can never become a gladiator." And he smiled.

But the Emperor was looking at him menacingly.

"What a white chest he has," thought Bassianus, "and such soft shoulders and weak arms!" And he smiled.

The signal was given by a blast of tubas.

Commodus sprang forward and made some hasty thrusts of the sword.

Bassianus stood his ground without even raising his weapon, and the blows glanced off his shield.

The Emperor sprang to one side and tried to attack Bassianus in the flank. The young gladiator turned almost imperceptibly, and wherever Commodus' sword quivered, it struck Bassianus' shield with a metallic sound.

Then Commodus attacked him. Bassianus thrust out his sword and the Emperor's blade slid past it.

"He has learnt this method of attack from Paetus," thought Bassianus to himself. He advanced a few steps, tapped with the point of his sword on the Emperor's golden shield, passed over it and, in a flash, touched Caesar's body quite lightly, almost caressingly, in four places with his sword, on the neck, under the shoulder, on the chest and at the knee. Commodus felt the cold steel on his bare skin and was afraid. Bassianus smiled kindly at him.

From this moment the Emperor left off glaring at his opponent; his furious expression gave place to a smile. He began to implore him with his eyes.

Suddenly Bassianus remembered the man in disguise.

"What if I thrust my sword through this boy's chest!" thought he.

But the Emperor looked at him beseechingly.

"One moment, Caesar . . ." Bassianus whispered hurriedly. It seemed to him disgraceful and ridiculous to let himself be worsted by this floundering fellow.

"He will reward me," he thought, and looked into the Emperor's disheartened and entreating eyes. "He will very greatly reward me!"

Once again he hesitated, not wanting to be too ignominiously defeated in the presence of the people who had so often admired his art. They might turn down their thumbs if they thought him too great a bungler. The Emperor almost fell over backwards as Bassianus, standing firm as a rock, resisted his attack.

"Now, Caesar," he whispered, and held out his sword for Commodus to strike. And as the blow fell, Bassianus sprang aside with a light, dancing step, feigning to slip, and threw himself onto his shoulders. "He will reward me," he thought.

He smiled up at the Emperor, who bent over and glared at him infuriatedly as he thrust his sword into his throat.

Young Bassianus just heard the roar of the rejoicing multitude.

ONE day Paetus, the head of all the gladiators, said to young Bassianus: "Listen! Tomorrow the Emperor will fence with thee!"

Bassianus thereupon inquired: "Am I to go to the palace, or will the Emperor come to us in the school?"

"Neither the one nor the other," replied Paetus. "Commodus will appear in the arena to-morrow as a swordsman like thyself."

"Like myself?"

"Why yes . . . or like Emilius, or Marcus . . . The Emperor will be exactly like a real swordsman to-morrow, and will show off his art before the entire public."

Bassianus laughed.

"It's very foolish of thee to laugh," remarked Paetus.

"Oh, I'm not afraid!" replied the young gladiator, and his dark eyes shone with excitement.

"Thou art not afraid, because thou art foolish."

Bassianus reflected for a while, then he brightened up again.

"If I deal him my Thracian double-cut, the Emperor's sword will fly onto the sand . . . Nobody knows the Thracian double-cut but myself . . . I learnt it from old Narcissus . . . no opponent has ever counterfenced it . . ."

"It's not a question of thy Thracian double-cut. The Emperor intends to overcome thee, none having, as yet, been able to stand up against thee."

"Well, let him come," cried Bassianus. "His sword will fly into the sand . . ."

Paetus grew angry. "Foolish ass! Remember, it is the Emperor!"

"Certainly . . . and I will not harm him . . . but his sword will roll in the sand . . . thou canst take my word for it!"

"In that case, the Emperor will have thee crucified an hour later . . . thou canst take my word for it!" answered Paetus scornfully.

Bassianus laughed no more.

On the following day, as he passed through the narrow passage leading to the arena, a man in disguise stepped up to him and whispered in his ear: "Kill the Emperor, and thou shalt receive two hundred thousand sesterces and freedom to go where thou wouldst!"

The young fencer was startled; he groped in the dark for the sinister figure, but it had freed itself from him and fled.

Bassianus shook his head and stepped out through the low entrance into the daylight.

The shouts of the crowd greeted his ears like the sound of distant thunder.

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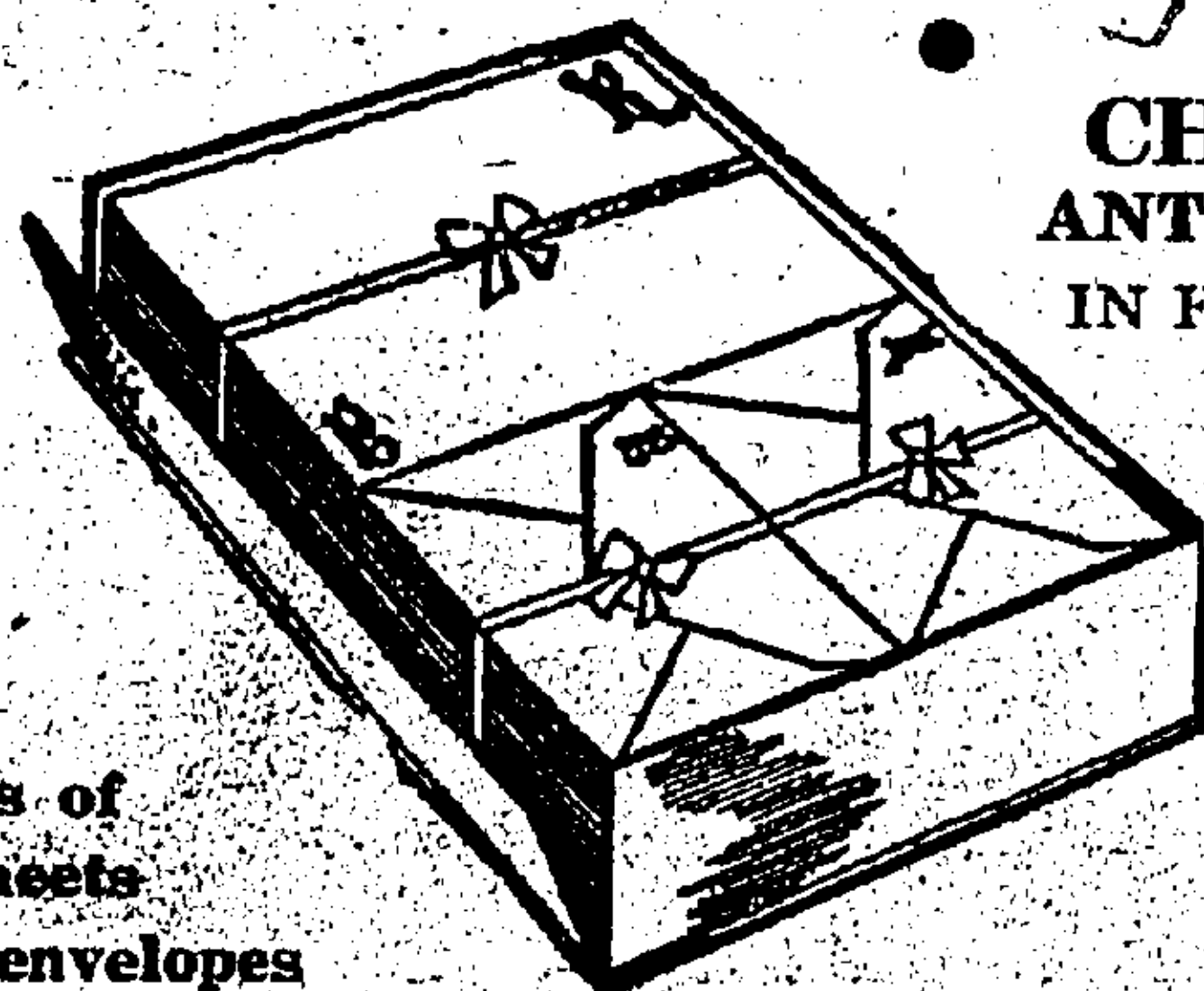
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PALE BLUE NIGHTGOWN - - -

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"Oh, it was only a dream?" said Mr. Dofferty easily. "Why didn't you say so before, you silly boy?" His heart felt curiously lighter. He took his watch out of his waistcoat pocket. "You're right!" he exclaimed. "It's time we were both going home!" His voice was quite genial.

"Oh, thank you, thank you very much, sir," cried Albert. "Good afternoon, Mr. Dofferty." The boy was already scampering off.

"Oh, by the way," the headmaster called after him. The boy turned. "Yes, sir?" he asked fearfully.

Mr. Dofferty didn't say anything for a moment or two. He realised, in fact, he hadn't anything to say. He was merely aware that he didn't quite like the boy going off like that, as if he hadn't used the forbidden nickname, as if he were innocent as the shorn lamb. Then he found his lips uttering a question concerning which his mind had no curiosity at all. For, after all, what interest was it to Mr. Dofferty, headmaster, Mr. Dofferty, world-traveller, what dream a snivelling little elementary school-boy might dream?

"What did you dream about, Albert?"

The boy's jaw fell. The faint flush of colour that had come up into his face went out completely. "Nothing," he muttered.

"Nonsense," said Mr. Dofferty. "You were dreaming about me, weren't you?" Then suddenly Mr. Dofferty remembered how amused all the small boys had been while Albert Hewitt had been holding forth. He had been telling them his dream, of course, a dream about their headmaster. Mr. Dofferty blushed. It was in the last degree undignified for a person in his position to insist on ferreting out a small boy's dream, whatever the dream was about. But he could not bear the way the boy was lying to him. If the boy would only own up simply and honestly, they could go home, both of them. He was beginning to want his tea.

"Well, are you going to say something?" asked Mr. Dofferty.

The boy was as silent as a lump of wood.

Mr. Dofferty suddenly lost patience. "Very well, then. You will please come along with me." He strode forward towards the big door in the middle of the building. The boy hesitated for one moment. He looked round wildly. It was impossible to get away from those skinny legs. And there would be a to-morrow, and a to-morrow after that.

The sanctum was a room on the righthand side of the main corridor. Mr. Dofferty took out his bunch of keys and unlocked the door.

"This way!" he said frigidly. The boy followed. He knew the way well enough, there was a faint smell in the air which turned his stomach, as it had been turned once or twice before. Mr. Dofferty burned joss-sticks now and again when his nostalgia for the East got him badly.

The headmaster went over to

the table in the middle of the room and carefully removed two or three of his oriental knick-knacks, the soapstone Buddha he used as a paper-weight, the ivory handled Malay kris he used as a paper-knife, the heavy brass Chinese seal. He sat down in the space thus cleared and reached casually along the table for his cane.

"Stand here," he ordered the boy. The boy came and stood beside him. "What was your dream about?" The boy stood obdurate. "You're not going to tell me?" he roared. "So, you're not going to tell me?" He lifted the cane high in the air, ready to strike.

"I'll tell you!" the boy shouted suddenly. "Please sir, I'll tell you!"

Mr. Dofferty's face was as white as a table cloth, his lips were

his skinny body and only a wreath of daisies for headgear.

"Is that all?" he asked, with a deadly attempt at casualness.

Then the boy gave tongue, with a voice so shrill and terrible that it seemed to pierce the eardrums.

"That's all!" he screamed. "I tell you that's all! I didn't dream nothing more! Nothing at all! Nothing!" The eyes glared. The jaw was so rigid that the words came through with the effect of ventriloquy. For the first time in the encounter Mr. Dofferty's intellectual interest was aroused. He forgot his anger with the boy and his shame of himself. He was conscious only of an exceeding curiosity. What more was it the boy had dreamed, the terror of which made him a gibbering idiot? What on earth could it

"I assure you, you're going to tell me!" Mr. Dofferty said. "You might, as well tell me now as later." He wasn't going to have the struggle start all over again. He was feeling completely worn out. The cane had fallen to the floor. He reached down and lifted it. He swished it through the air forebodingly. "Will you tell me, Albert?" he asked once again.

The boy said nothing.

"Will you tell me, Albert?" he repeated still again.

The boy still said nothing.

Then the man's patience snapped. The cane went hissing into the air and came screaming down again. He did not know where it landed, on the boy's hands or his body or his face.

The boy did not know either. He knew nothing more, excepting that the whole world was a blackness with a great wind roaring in it. Then at last the wind ceased roaring and there was light in the world again. He became aware that he was in the sanctum of Mr. Dofferty, his headmaster. He became aware of Mr. Dofferty's body extended interminably between his own legs and the legs of the table. The Malay kris that Mr. Dofferty used as a paper knife stuck out from between his ribs.

The boy leaned forward, pointing towards the ivory handle, where the blood gushed above the blade. "That's what I dreamed!" his lips went. "That's what I dreamed!"

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almost as white. "Very well then! Go on!"

"I—I—dreamed—" the boy whimpered. "I—I—dreamed—that—" Then he looked up beseechingly. "I can't tell you, sir," he wailed.

"I think you can," said the other.

The boy swallowed hard. "I dreamed in my dream, sir, you was wearing—you was wearing—"

"Go on!"

"You were wearing a long nightgown, sir. It was a silk one, sir, pale blue silk. And—and—" Again the words stuck in the boy's throat. The sweat poured down his cheeks. His fists shut and opened as if they were catching at something that eluded them.

Mr. Dofferty was not aware of the boy's discomfort. He was aware only of his own. He knew he had never been so ridiculous in all his life before. He had never so humiliated himself. His face was as red as a cock's comb. His ears blazed.

"Go on!" he said thickly. "Anything more?" He wanted to get through with it, to get it behind him, to kick the stinking little brat into the gutter he came from.

"Yes, sir!" blubbered the boy. "You was wearing a wreath of daisies round your forehead!"

"I see," whispered Mr. Dofferty. "I see!" But he did not mean that he himself saw. He meant that the small boys saw, the small boys who had laughed so uproariously when Albert Hewitt had told them his dream. He saw with their eyes his own unspeakable grotesqueness—pale blue nightgown and wreath of daisies.

Why didn't the small boy get to hell out of it? What was the blob of dirt hanging about for? He must take himself in hand. He mustn't let the boy realise how naked he had left him, shivering in the whistling blackness, with only a pale blue nightgown round

be? He licked his lips appreciatively. The whole thing really was extraordinarily interesting.

"Listen, Albert," he said coaxingly. "Don't be frightened. I know you dreamed something more. I'd like to know what it is. Won't you tell me?"

"Nothing more! I didn't dream nothing more!" The boy stamped his feet.



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INTELLIGENCE TESTS FOR CHILDREN

INDICATING A CHILD'S MENTAL DEVELOPMENT

IF your child is between three and five years old, try him with the following questions. Do not expect him to accomplish all the tests. He should be able to score in at least one of them if they are presented in familiar surroundings by a person in whom the child has complete confidence.

AGE 3.—Test 1: Show the child a sheet of plain paper measuring about 4 inches by 5 inches. Tell him to watch you making a book out of it. Then fold the paper double and press it down. Open and close the paper several times, pointing out that it looks like a little book. Then hand the child a similar piece of paper and ask him to make you a book.

Scoring.—If the child folds the paper one or more times so that it leaves a clear crease, the response is a success. It does not matter if the fold is irregular or even diagonal.

Test 2: Ask the child to indicate with a finger parts of his face—such as nose, eyes, ears, mouth, hair. Use your normal method of speech in doing this.

Scoring.—Three responses out of four must be correct for the child to pass the test successfully. If the child winks, screws up his nose, opens his mouth instead of actually pointing at the features mentioned, you can consider it quite satisfactory.

Test 3: Find a large coloured picture (from a book or magazine if you like) with plenty of objects and life in it. Praise the picture, and give it to the child so that he can see it comfortably and clearly.

Then ask him to tell you what he sees in the picture. If there is no immediate response you may help the child by saying "Show me the...", indicating some specific object. That should be sufficient to start the child's replies.

Scoring.—The test is passed if the child names three objects in one picture spontaneously.

Length Of Lines

AGE 4.—Test 1: On an ordinary postcard, rule two parallel lines about one inch apart. Make one line half an inch longer than the other.

Then give the card to the child and ask him to point to the longer line. You may use the superlative "longest" if you like, as it will probably be more familiar to the child.

Then withdraw the card and present it from another angle. Do this once again, so that the child has seen the lines in three different positions.

Scoring.—All three comparisons must be made correctly, or you cannot consider the child successful.

Test 2:—Put four pennies (or other coins) in a row in front of the child, and ask him to count them aloud as he touches each one. You may point to the first one the child's left and say, "Like this, One."

Scoring.—The child has passed the test if his counting tallies with his pointing. He has failed if he just mentions the right number of the coins.

Test 3:—On a postcard draw a star—thus *—leaving room for

the child to copy it. He can use pencil, pen, or crayon.

Scoring.—Any attempt in which the main characteristics of a star are present is a success. The number of the arms does not matter, but they must cross in the centre and give the effect of radiating out.

Test For Handiness

AGE 5.—Test 1: Drive two ordinary 3/4-inch screws into a solid piece of wood. Show the child how to take out one with a screw-driver. Then hand him the driver and ask him to remove the other screw.

Scoring.—This is reckoned by the time it takes the child to get the screw right out. One minute is exceptionally good time for a five-year-old. Three minutes is an average time.

Test 2: Paint or crayon four patches of colour—red, yellow, blue, green (four similar objects in these colours or squares cut from different book jackets will serve as well).

Put the colours in a row in front of the child and say, "What is the name of this colour?" to each in turn. If you are using objects, explain first that you are only interested in the colours, not in the shape of the objects.

Scoring.—The test is passed if all the colours are named correctly the first time. This test is not based on a colour sense, as all five-year-olds who have ordinary sight should be able to discriminate between these colours, and will already have associated them in the mind with the right name by observation of adults.

Test 3: See whether the child can carry out three very simple orders. Repeat the order twice—the first time explaining that you want him to do certain things for you.

Do not alter the position of the orders in the repetition, and leave the child alone with his task if necessary. Such orders as "Bring me that vase (pointing at it), then put this pencil on the table and then open the door."

Scoring.—All three commissions should be carried out in the right order. This test is a



Beltrao (Volunteers) slides to safety at third base in the baseball match between the Volunteers and the Filipinos at Caroline Hill last week. Arculli is with the ball. ("China Mail" photo).

useful one to try out on a child who is just starting school. If he passes it well he will take quickly and easily to orthodox school learning.



The Army team who beat South China in the Kotewall Cup replay at Happy Valley last Sunday by the only goal of the match. ("China Mail" photo).



Group photograph taken after the wedding at Rosary Church of Mr. A. W. McGrann and Miss Kimi Barretto. ("China Mail" photo).